

FOXTON RECREATION GROUND TRUST (RGT) AND FOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Allocation of Facilities And Change Management Of The Recreation Ground

- 1. Charitable Purpose of The Recreation Ground Trust:** The provision and maintenance of a recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- 2. For clarity –RGT owns the recreation ground land up to a line drawn from the Bowls Club fence across the recreation ground to Illingworth Way. RGT also owns the sports compound, the allotment site, the skate park, the pre-school garden, Hardman Road (plus parking bays) from the speed hump to the school-owned part of the car park plus the Village Hall including the main hall. All the rest of the recreation ground is owned by Foxton Parish Council plus the car park at the church and the portion of grass from the St Laurence Road entrance to the carriageway.*
- 3. In practice this means the cricket square and boundary (all but a small portion) comes under RGT while the adult football pitch mainly comes under the Parish Council with a small portion inside RGT land.*
- 4 How The RGT Discharges Its Charitable Status Obligation:** The RGT provides, maintains and improves the recreation ground so that the villagers of Foxton may enjoy equal access to and benefit from the recreation ground.

The RGT does this by providing both open access and by allocating reserved space for user organisations (eg the tennis club) to provide additional facilities (ie. the tennis courts). The user organisations maintain these facilities through a membership fee. Membership of the user organisations is open to all villagers.

The RGT holds the recreation ground in trust and as such are accountable to the villagers and the Charity Commission. As “owners” of the recreation ground the RGT control access to and the use of the recreation ground. The use of the recreation ground and the occupancy of the reserved spaces is subject to the agreement of the RGT.

Foxton Parish Council, as a body, is the sole trustee of RGT and as such all parish councillors are trustees for the duration of their time on the Parish Council.

- 5 Purpose of This Document:** This document sets out how the RGT has allocated the recreation ground to the user organisations within the village so that there is a reference point of allocations as at the 1st January 2021. It also describes the change management process for this allocation.
- 6 User Organisations:** The user organisations are the sports and social clubs or societies who have an allocated area of the recreation ground or who, from time to time, use a significant area of the recreation ground for an event. (eg. Rock on the Rec or the school fête etc.)

User Organisations and Reserved Areas as at 01 January 2021: (Refer to the accompanying locator map – Annex 1.) The RGT allocates areas of the recreation ground to:

- 1 Foxton Bowls Club;
- 2 Foxton Village Tennis Club;
- 3 Basketball Court;
- 4 Play Area;
- 5 Foxton Gardens Association - Allotments;
- 6 Pre-School and Playgroup Area;
- 7 Skateboard Area;
- 8 Sports Clubs' Storage Compound;
- 9 Foxton Football Club - Adult Football Pitch Area;
- 10 Foxton Cricket Club - Wicket Area
- 11 Foxton Dynamos – Pitch Area
- 12 Illuminated Training / Warm Up Area

7 Current Allocation of Space on The Recreation Ground: This is:

- 1 cricket square comprising 10 cricket pitches;
- 1 adult football pitch during the football season;
- 2 Dynamo football pitches during the football season;
- 1 football and other activities training area defined by the coverage of the floodlights;
- 1 bowling green;
- 2 tennis courts;
- 1 children's play area;
- 1 skateboard park;
- 1 sports' equipment compound;
- 1 allotment area;
- 1 pre-school / playgroup enclosure;

8 Change management of Allocated Spaces: RGT recognises that from time-to-time user organisations may wish to change the footprint of their allocated space or introduce a new piece of equipment which affects the surface or visual appearance of the recreation ground.

The user organisation will first obtain the written permission of the RGT before making any changes or introducing new item of sports or maintenance equipment. This is to ensure that the open and free access to and use of the recreation ground is not compromised for the village community as a whole.

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