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Policy Statement – Casual Launching of Microlight Aircraft

1. Introduction

It is Charmouth Parish Council policy, as land owner, to state the conditions on which it would allow the launch or recovery of microlight aircraft whether amphibious or not and whether it is a fixed wing or a rotary winged aircraft of any size carrying a person or people from the Foreshore at Charmouth (excluding all rescue aircraft). (See the Parish Council's policy statement for unmanned aerial vehicles.)

2. Charmouth Parish Council Owned Land

Parish Council owned land at Charmouth Foreshore as follows:

- the foreshore from the cliffs, carparks and promenade to the mean high water mark (MHWM) from the boundary with Lyme Regis Civil Parish to the boundary with Stanton St. Gabriel;
- the land between the MHWM and the mean low water mark (MLWM) from the boundary with the Civil Parish of Lyme Regis to the boundary with the Civil Parish of Stanton St. Gabriel;
- Evans Cliff (that is the land from the lower edge of the cliffs to the boundary with land owned by Manor Farm and from the banks of the River Char to the boundary with the Civil Parish of Stanton St. Gabriel);
- the Car Park, the Overflow Car Park, the Boat Park, the reed bed, the lands from the Reed Bed to the banks of the River Char and the lands from the Reed Bed to Lower Sea Land including the footpath alongside Lower Sea Lane, and
- the land from the Car Park to the cliffs, including the Factory Building (aka: the Heritage Centre) to the east as far as, but not including Cliffend.

3. Policy Statement

No aircraft whether amphibious or not and whether it is a fixed wing or rotary winged aircraft of any size carrying a person or people may be launched from the Parish Council owned lands without prior written consent from the Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Clerk to the Parish Council will require with any written request for consent the following:

- (i) risk assessment covering not only the handling of the aircraft over the Parish Council's owned lands but also for the launching and recovery of the aircraft;
- (ii) a valid certificate or other acceptable documentation of public liability insurance; and
- (iii) the intended dates for launching of the aircraft.

The decision of the Parish Clerk as to whether to allow or not is final.

4. Fee

The fee for launching and recovery of any aircraft from the Foreshore is the same as the casual boat launch fee.

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