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Policy Statement – Firework Displays on Parish Council Owned Lands

1 Introduction

This policy statement is intended to provide guidance to those organisations wishing to hold a firework displays on or over Parish Council owned lands at Charmouth's Foreshore, the Playing Fields and Cemetery. This policy statement has been prepared to ensure organisations wishing to hold events on and over Parish Council's lands plan and conduct the event in an appropriate manner and ensure that the Parish Council discharges its responsibilities as the land owner as required by law.

2 Planning

Firework displays shall only be held on or around Guy Fawkes Night and New Year's Eve at the Foreshore as well as during the 'Party-in-the-Park' event held in the summer on the Playing Fields. The display of fireworks on other occasions will be exceptional and will require the specific prior approval of the Parish Council.

Organisations wishing to hold firework displays shall inform the Clerk to the Parish Council four week before the proposed date. The application shall also include the following information:

- (a) The name of the lead organisation and the name(s) of all subsidiary organisations involved in the proposed event;
- (b) A comprehensive risk assessment and risk mitigation plan; and
- (c) A copy of the public liability insurance policy cover note or other documentation that provides insurance cover for each organisation involved in the event. The public liability insurance shall specifically include insurance cover for firework displays as well as for those persons responsible for and operating the discharge of the fireworks.

On receipt of the required information the Clerk to the Parish Council shall conduct due diligence and ensure that the Facilities Manager or other like person within the Parish Council reviews the risk assessment and risk mitigation plan to ensure that the document is correct and complete and thus ensures that the Parish Council discharges appropriately its responsibilities as the land owner.

3 Firework Safety

The person responsible for the discharge of the fireworks shall be appropriately trained to the requirements of the insurance company.

If the proposed site for the discharge of the fireworks involves the closure of any public foot path then application shall be made to Dorset County Council as the Highway Authority and the Parish Council shall be provided with copies of any permission(s) granted by the Highway Authority.

4 Fund Raising

Any funds, net of expenses, raised through events held on Parish Council owned lands shall be distributed exclusively to good causes within the Parish of Charmouth.

5 Rubbish

The event organiser shall be responsible for clearing away all rubbish from both the site used for the discharge of the fireworks and the vicinities where the general public have watched the display or consumed refreshments, beverages, etc. The details about disposal of the collected rubbish shall be agreed with the Parish Council's Facilities Manager or other like person within the Parish Council.