

Datchworth Parish Council Briefing Note.

<p>What</p> <p>Agree a procedure to allow local groups to site a fundraising stall on the village Green</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>14 August 2023</p> <p>Committee/ Working Group</p> <p>Governance and Legal</p>
<p>Why</p> <p>To allow local fundraising groups to utilise areas of Datchworth Green for the siting of stalls in order to sell fresh produce and other items for the purpose of raising funds for local groups, businesses and national and local charities. Previously, groups have sited their stall at the Turkey Farm but this is not deemed ideal due to its location. A highly visible stall on the Green will attract residents to stop to buy products, thereby increasing fundraising contributions.</p>	
<p>How (including Time and Money)</p> <p>The Parish Council need to agree a procedure for local groups to request permission to site their stall(s) on the Green so that they can benefit form attracting passing and local trade.</p> <p>Datchworth Green is a registered village green and is administered by Datchworth Parish Council. It is available for all local residents to use for sporting and recreational activities. There are no laws which prohibit any use of a village green although there are laws prohibiting damage to greens, vehicular access across greens (without permission).</p> <p>An application form for a Fundraising Stall on the Green has been created so that the Parish Council can decide each application on its merits.</p> <p>It is proposed that either Full Council or Governance and Legal Committee consider and approve applications.</p> <p>In due course, the Parish Council will introduce procedures for other events to be held on the Green.</p> <p>There will be no financial costs to the Council at this stage.</p> <p>There will be time implications for the G&L Committee in approving applications.</p>	

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When

At the August EPCM Council will be asked to agree that such fundraising events can take place on the Green and to agree the new application form. This will be issued to the Climate Change Group in order that they can submit the completed form for approval before the end of August so that the first event can take place in early September.

Attachments:

Application for Fundraising Stall on Datchworth Green.