

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council

Barbecue Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safe and responsible use of barbecues on Parish Council grounds while promoting community enjoyment of the facilities.

Scope

This policy applies to all individuals and groups wishing to use barbecues on Parish Council grounds, including but not limited to parks, recreational areas, and community facilities.

Policy Statement

Barbecues are not permitted on Parish Council grounds unless it is part of an organised event that has received prior approval from the Parish Council.

Organised Events

- **Definition:** An organised event is a pre-planned activity that has been formally approved by the Parish Council.
 - **Approval Process:** Individuals or groups wishing to hold an organised event involving a barbecue must submit a request to the Parish Council, providing details of the event and any necessary documentation, including a risk assessment.
 - **Barbecue Types:**
 - **Disposable Barbecues:** Not permitted.
 - **Freestanding Charcoal or Gas Barbecues:** May be permitted in designated areas, as advised by the Hall Manager.
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General Safety Guidelines

To ensure the safety of all users, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- **Pre-Event Checks:** Ensure that the barbecue is in good working order before use.
 - **Safety Zones:** Keep children, pets, and garden games well away from the cooking area.
 - **Supervision:** Never leave the barbecue unattended while in use.
 - **Emergency Preparedness:** Keep a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergencies.
 - **Post-Use:** Ensure the barbecue is cool before attempting to remove it from the grounds.
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Charcoal Barbecue Guidelines

- Use only enough charcoal to cover the base to a depth of about 2 inches.
 - Only use recognised fire lighters or starter fuels. Do not use petrol or other flammable liquids.
 - Do not dispose of hot ashes directly into dustbins or wheelie bins to prevent fires.
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Gas Barbecue Guidelines

- Ensure the gas tap is turned off before changing the gas cylinder.
 - Change cylinders outdoors in a well-ventilated area.
 - If you suspect a leak, brush soapy water around the joints and watch for bubbles. Tighten as necessary, but do not over-tighten.
 - Turn off the gas cylinder before turning off the barbecue controls to ensure any residual gas is used.
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Post-Event Responsibilities

- Ensure the barbecue is fully extinguished and has cooled down before leaving the premises.
- Collect any barbecues left on-site by special arrangement the following day.

- All rubbish must be cleared away and disposed of in the bins provided in the car park area.

Compliance

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the cancellation of barbecue privileges and/or further action by the Parish Council.

Review and Amendments

This policy will be reviewed regularly or as necessary to ensure it remains relevant and effective.

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