



Chideock Parish Council

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Dear Friends of Clapps Mead

Re: PARISH COUNCIL CLAPPS MEAD MANAGEMENT TEAM

I am writing to let you know that Chideock Parish Council has convened its own Clapps Mead Management Team to take over the management and future direction of the Clapps Mead Playing Fields and Play Area.

We are currently consulting with solicitors for a modern-day interpretation of the Grafton Clause that requires a roman catholic minister and vicar to be in attendance at our meetings, because, as you yourselves have found, it is very difficult to satisfy this Clause. In particular with regards to present day requirement of Health & Safety and Safeguarding.

We have had our first Clapps Mead management meeting in August – the minutes are available on our new website www.chideockparishcouncil.com

I need to let you know that there will be some changes, and these changes will apply to all those groups or individuals who wish to hire the playing field for their own activities and/or events. In particular the following changes are planned for 2025:

1. A charge will be made for the use of the playing field. Please note that we voted unanimously that this charge would not apply to your use.
2. A Hire Agreement will need to be completed by all groups or individuals. Please contact the Clerk to obtain this Agreement. It needs to be sent to the Clerk 7 days prior to the event, together with a copy of your insurance cover note.
3. Repairs and maintenance will be specified on the inspection reports received from the play area inspectors. The Parish Council will decide the work that will be done on the Clapps Mead Playing Field and will maintain its own schedule of work including priorities and will specify what materials should be used when carrying out repairs and/or replacements. No repairs and/or maintenance should be carried out on the playing field or play area without authorisation by the Parish Council.

We recognise that the FoCM Community Group is entirely separate from the Parish Council. Our Clerk has designed our new website and she will create a 'web-page' within the site for FoCM should you wish this....please contact Tan and discuss this directly with her.

The Parish Council hopes that it will be able to work together with you in the future.

Yours sincerely

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