

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

SIGN / NOTICES POLICY

1. Introduction

1.1. Hambledon Parish Council acknowledges the importance of advertising signs for village clubs and events, it demonstrates a thriving and lively village. It must also consider the impact upon the appearance of a rural village environment.

1.2. This policy sets out the general principles and approach that the Parish Council will follow in respect of signs and notices in the Parish. It is written using guidance from the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertising)(England) Regulations 2007.

2. Who can display a sign?

2.1 Not for profit community groups or organisations. The group must be based within the boundary of Hambledon Parish

2.2 Sports clubs. The club must be for the benefit of the community and would normally need to be either not for profit or charitable.

2.3 Not for profit or charitable activities / events. For example the Hambledon fete

3. What is the process

3.1 The sign should be for a specific purpose for a time limit except in instances previously agreed.

3.2 The sign should be discrete in size and style, albeit being fit for purpose.

3.3 No sign is to be displayed which would obscure, or hinder the interpretation of, official road, rail, waterway or aircraft signs, or otherwise make hazardous the use of these types of transport.

3.4 No sign is to be displayed without the permission of the owner of the site on which they are displayed (this includes the highway authority, if the sign is to be placed on highway land)

3.5 Any sign must be maintained and kept in a condition that does not endanger the public or impair the visibility.

3.5 Any sign should be removed in a timely fashion after its purpose unless previously agreed.

3.6 The site of the removed sign must be left as it was found.

4. Queries or Problem notices

4.1 Any member of the public can attend a Hambledon Parish Council meeting or contact any councillor or the Parish Clerk to discuss issues/concerns related to notices, signs and posters

4.2 Hambledon Parish Council will take all reasonable efforts to have a dialogue with sign owners about any problem notices or signs. If they do not meet this policy then the organisation will be advised that they must be removed. Only if this fails will the Parish Council remove them.