

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL

After the recent wedding held on the Village Green, the Parish Council received several enquiries asking for information regarding the private use of the Green.

The enquirers were made aware that the Wedding was a special case for a family member of the owners of the land.

Comments were made that private weddings have been held on the Green in the past, and info regarding how to book was asked for. Others raised concern that the area not become habitually used for private functions.

Councillors to decide if the Village Green (A public space available to all parishioners) should be available for private bookings and a policy drafted to outline the conditions of use.

If yes, then the terms below should be considered:

1. Who may apply to book the Green?	Clear guidelines to ensure fairness to all parishioners and prevent discrimination.
2. How often may it be booked?	As a public space for the Parish, it should not become a "Wedding Venue" and prevent the original use it was designed for.
3. Who should decide if the application is successful?	Clear process for review and response.
4. How/when should the decision be notified?	To ensure full council are aware and the date is publicized.
5. Should the hirer arrange their own insurance?	Consider possibility for multiple claims on the Council's policy and the Council's requirement to check each hirer is complying with the policy terms.
6. Should the Council receive Risk Assessments for each event?	If so, who will check them and ensure they are adequate?
7. How will Residents be affected?	Consider those living adjacent to the Green, as well as other areas where noise travels to. Other residents who habitually use the green.
8. How will parking be managed?	
9. How will noise be controlled?	
10. How would any anti-social behaviour be dealt with?	