

Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

From: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Sent: 16 January 2020 14:41
To: 'John Fisher'
Subject: RE: Oaklands Play Area

Dear Mr. Fisher,

I acknowledge receipt of your e-mail. I can confirm that I have visited the site this morning to assess the condition of the car park. I met with one resident, who had called into the Town Hall this morning to complain and I have agreed a course of action. There will be some reinstatement necessary where soil was stored for a short period of time, I have agreed this with the contractors. This work will be carried out before they leave the site later this week (weather permitting).

This morning I have carried out a land registry search to ascertain who owns the property in question. I am not aware of any private arrangement you have with the freehold owners of the car parking area, but according to the Land Registry documents it is just one owner. So, I would check the deeds to your property to establish if you have a right to park at all. There is certainly no illegalities or legal case to answer on the part of the Town Council.

The Town Council have a vehicular right of way over the car park established since the estate was built in 1987. However, I will be recommending to the Town Councillors that we cease using our vehicular access to the Oaklands Playing Field, as we own the other access from the Oakland estate and will just use that for grass cutting purposes. If Councillors agree, then we would just retain a pedestrian access over this car park for members of the estate to access the short-cut footpaths.

I accept that prior notice was not given to residents that work was about to commence, which with hindsight was an oversight and for that I apologise. In conclusion, given the circumstances, the current unkempt state of the car parking area in question and the clarity of the ownership, the remedial action agreed is not an unreasonable response.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk




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Dear Swaffham,

You have received the following message from johnrthr@icloud.com

Damage to private car park. Montegu Close, Swaffham. Over the last two days work has been ongoing on the Oakland's recreation area. Heavy vehicles and machinery have accessed the play area via the privately owned car park without prior consent from owners of which I am one. Access to our own parking areas has been illegally denied by your contractors. The damage to the surface of the car park area needs to be rectified immediately. Myself and others owners have video evidence. If the area of the car park is not restored to its former good condition legal proceedings will be instigated and the installation of a barrier controlled access to this private land for owners use only will be undertaken. 


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