

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 25 February 2020
Agenda Item Number	<i>Item 14</i>
Author	Theresa Goss
Title of Report	Dogs on Leads in the Lucy Plackett Playing Field
Summary	To consider a request from a resident to review the Parish Council's policy that dogs in the Lucy Plackett Playing Field must be kept on a lead.
Recommendation	The Parish Council's policy of dogs being kept on leads in the Lucy Plackett Playing Field, be confirmed and remains unchanged.
Reasons for the Recommendation	Dog fouling is an issue in many areas of the village, including the playing field and if the policy is changed, it could make the issue worse for users of the playing field, including the Football team. It is also an issue in the play area, even though dogs are specifically banned from entering the play area.
Impact on Budget	None.
Risks	<p>The policy could alienate some residents who are responsible dog owners, however the few who do not pick up after their pets, spoil it for the many who are responsible.</p> <p>There are also a number of health risks if a child was to come into contact with dog mess.</p>
Background	<p>The Parish Council's policy of dogs being kept on leads in the Lucy Plackett Playing Field for a number of years. A resident contacted the Parish Council and asked for this policy to be reviewed.</p> <p>This is not a legally enforceable ban, however the Parish Council would investigate the options available to it, if an owner was persistently letting the dog off their lead and it was uncontrollable.</p> <p>The use of the playing field should be an enjoyable and pleasant experience for all residents.</p>
Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here	<p>Email from resident below. The resident had contacted Cherwell District Council's Dog Warden in the first instance and he referred the resident to the Parish Council:</p> <p><i>Good morning, I have received this reply to my email regarding the dog on/off leads at Lucy Plackett playing fields. Can you consider the relaxing of the policy of restriction of dogs on leads as requested either on a time curfew or maybe only allowing them on certain days eg weekdays only. Could you also tell me if the restriction is a legal ban and if so what fines etc can be imposed on people not respecting the signage.</i></p>