

## WPC.EC.26.09.06 – Six Acres and Hot Air Ballooning

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At its July meeting the clerk reported to the parish council that a request had been received from Mr Glen Boyle of the parish to use Six Acres for Hot Air Ballooning activities:

- Take off
- Inflation for checks

The clerk subsequently asked our Insurer, Gallaghers, whether there would be any restrictions, requirements or uplift implications arising from the parish council giving consent for such an activity, and their response is set out below:

*I have discussed this with our insurers, who have advised that they are comfortable with the proposed ballooning activities provided that:*

- *The ballooning company has carried out a written risk assessment and inspection of the location and is satisfied that the site is safe and suitable.*
- *The Council has also carried out its own written risk assessment and inspection of the location and is satisfied that the site is safe and suitable.*
- *The Council obtains a copy of the ballooning company's public liability insurance and confirms the limit of indemnity held.*

*Please note that your policy would not provide any cover for the ballooning company's activities. Any liability arising from their operations would need to fall under their own insurance arrangements.*

*The Council's policy would only respond where an incident arises as a result of the land itself causing the injury or damage.*

A previous request was also considered by the parish council in 2023 (Min **WPC.EO.23.07.06** refers), as below:

*Request to MSC to use Recreation Ground for Hot Air Balloon Flights. The clerk reported that the Parish insurers had advised that they had no issue provided that the parish council had risk assessed the land and was satisfied that risks were controlled. The meeting noted that events would be constrained by weather conditions and had no objections provided that the parish council was notified in advance of any planned events.*

If the Estates Committee is minded that consent be given for take off and inflation checks be given, it would be prudent to enter into an agreement with the third party for use of Six Acres for this purpose, which would ensure that:

- Written risk assessment(s) are provided, together with a report of their inspection of the location and satisfaction that the site is safe and suitable
- A copy of the third party's public liability insurance is provided to the council
- A list of dates on which it is proposed that the site is used is provided

The current charge for a Six Acres agreement is £35.00.

#### **Action:**

**The Estates Committee consider whether or not it has any objections to Mr Boyle operating on a limited number of occasion throughout the year (number to be determined to ensure that other users of the open space are not disadvantaged).**