

ST HELEN WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL UNMANED AERIAL VEHICLE (UAV) / DRONE POLICY

Policy adopted 8 March 2021 and to be reviewed after 3 years.

Following an upsurge in usage of UAV / drones on publicly-owned recreation grounds and open spaces, the Council has resolved that the flying of drones on Council owned land for recreational or commercial purposes be prohibited.

The reasons for this decision are:

- The close proximity of many of our sites to neighbouring residential and business properties and the potential risk of causing alarm, distress or harassment to occupants.
- The proximity to commercial aircraft flight paths causes potential danger to the safety of aircraft.
- Potential risk of accidents, injury to other site users or property arising from drone use.
- Granting permission could leave the Council liable for subsequent actions brought about by drone activity when operated from land under our ownership.

Exceptions will only be considered where usage of a drone device helps reduce risk in the workplace, i.e. working at height, building survey work, etc. The use of drones by emergency services in connection with their work will, of course, be permitted.

Please apply to the Parish Clerk by email to clerk@sthelenwithout-pc.co.uk