

Playing Field Management Policy – May 2026

BUCKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council will adhere to all stipulations of the Conveyance wherever possible.

Costs

The Parish Council will cover all costs occurring from the Field including full Public Liability Insurance, maintenance costs of the entire Field including the play equipment, grass cutting of the entire field and all other associated costs.

Opening Times

The Playing Field shall be open 365 days a year from dawn until dusk. Both gates will be locked at dusk (but not later than 9pm) and unlocked again at dawn the following day (but not earlier than 6am).

Grass Cutting

The Parish Council will ensure that the grass on the entire field, including around the play area, is kept to an acceptable standard throughout the year.

Litter Picking

A litter pick of the entire field will take place on a regular basis, paying particular attention to the weekends after heavier use.

Dog Fouling

Anyone seen allowing their dog to foul without clearing up after it will be reported to East Suffolk Council and a Fixed Penalty Notice may then be issued.

Children's Play Area

The equipment and surrounding area shall be regularly inspected for litter and dog fouling, alongside the overall inspections on the Field. The Parish Council will facilitate quarterly inspections by a qualified and certified inspector, including an annual RoSPA inspection (usually in May).

Notice Board

The Notice Board shall be furnished with relevant and up to date Playing Field information. Out of date notices will be removed.

Fixtures and Fittings

The Parish Council shall be responsible for any fixture, fitting or structure (permanent or temporary) insomuch as maintaining them in a "fit for purpose" condition, as well as the removal and disposal of any debris resultant of them falling into disrepair.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The Parish Council will challenge any anti-social behaviour as soon as practically possible, especially that which affects neighbouring properties. The Parish Council will seek to remove, and prevent any re-admittance, any persons causing a nuisance, disturbing the peace or acting in any way which is deemed to be anti-social, by informing the Police.

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Signed:

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Chair

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