

Martham Parish Council

Village Greens Parking Policy

1. There is no parking on the Village Greens at any time without the prior written permission of Martham Parish Council.
2. There has been a ban on vehicular parking and access to the Village Greens since the invention of motorised vehicles. This policy has been upheld by successive owners of the Village Greens.
3. Martham parish Council is the sole owner of the Village Greens which are registered with the Land Registry.
4. The parish Council acts to protect the Greens from development and encroachment and to ensure that pedestrian common land usage is retained in perpetuity for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. The Council manages and maintains the Greens by cutting the grass regularly, exercising conscientious husbandry of the trees and managing the ponds to safeguard, protect and enhance the environment. The Council will take action to challenge any and all actions of unauthorised parking on the Village Greens.
5. The parking ban is not a blanket policy. 'Short Term' vehicular access is allowed or 'unloading' and for contractors to attend to essential repairs and maintenance of properties fronting the Greens. 'Short term' means up to one day only. 'Unloading' for events such as fetes, charity events and the carnival are at the discretion of the Council. Applications to use the Village Greens must be made on the form available from the Parish Council. There is no charge for using the Greens for voluntary groups, charities and fund raising events. The application form is available from the Clerk or at marthampc.org.uk
6. Enforcement action may be taken against the keeper of any vehicle parked on the Village green without prior written permission from the Parish Council. In the first instance the Council will write to the alleged offender and request cessation or justification. If the offence continues a complaint will be made to the Magistrates Court. The Magistrates Court is empowered to impose a fine upon the person responsible for the parking.
7. The Council recognises the need for car parking in the area and has provided free car parking on the car park in front of the Co-operative shop. This car park is owned and maintained by the Parish Council. The parish Council has also provided parking spaces in the lay-by adjacent to the main pond. This is marked with parking bays which vehicle owners are requested to respect for the benefit of other users. There is no overnight commercial vehicle parking on either of these car parks which are for the benefit of shoppers and people visiting the Greens. At the time of writing arrangements have been made with the landlord of the King's Arms Public House to allow shoppers to park in the pub car park during the day. This arrangement is with the agreement of the current landlord and may be subject to cancellation, restriction or change from time to time.
8. There are some unmade up roads around the Village Greens. Vehicle users are asked to exercise care and consideration when parking on these roads and not block access to adjoining properties.

Martham Parish Council
Community Centre, Playingfield Lane, Martham, Great Yarmouth, NR29 4SP
Tel: 01493 749938
Email: clerk@martham.gov.uk