



## **Drone Policy for Binsted Parish Council land including Blacknest Fields, Holt Pound Rec. and Binsted Rec.**

What is a drone? For the purposes of this document “drone” includes, but is not limited to, any Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) of any size including drones, quadcopters, model gliders, remote-controlled helicopters, and remote-controlled fixed-wing aircraft. Binsted Parish Council has introduced a drone policy in response to recent incidents and complaints regarding drones and model aircraft flying from Parish Council land.

Drones may not be flown from or above any Parish Council land without written permission granted by Binsted Parish Council. Permission will not be unreasonably denied and examples of where permission is likely to be granted are where usage of a drone aids searches for missing persons, risk reduction in the work place, such as working at height, land and building survey work or to undertake similar professional services. It is however unlikely that permission will ever be granted to fly at Blacknest Fields due to the proximity of houses and cars and any flight would be in contravention of the UK Civil Aviation Authority Drone Code. Requests to fly at Holt Pound Rec. are also unlikely to be granted for the same reason and the site is additionally within Farnborough Airspace and nothing can fly from that location without previous permission from Farnborough Air Traffic Control. Permission to fly may be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk in writing at least 5 working days prior to any flight taking place giving the following information:

1. A description of the purpose of the flight and the date proposed.
2. A copy of a current Public Liability Insurance (Minimum £5 million).
3. A copy of the proposed flight plan, including launch and landing points.
4. A completed Risk Assessment and Method Statement.
5. A copy of the user’s Flyer ID (if appropriate) and Organisation/Operator ID.
6. Confirmation that any flight will be in accordance with the UK Civil Aviation Authority Drone Code.

On the day of a flight BPC will undertake to supply a member of staff or Council Officer to check compliance with the CAA Drone Code. Any person operating a drone, without permission, from or above BPC land will be asked to cease immediately and leave BPC land.

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