

**AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FOOTBALL PITCH
VICARAGE RD. PLAYING FIELD, DEOPHAM**

This agreement is between

Deopham & Hackford Parish Council and the football team known as **AG Athletic (the Football Team)**

Football Season – July 2021 – May 2022

The following are the terms on which the field is rented:

1. The agreement for use of the playing field by the Football Team is based on a 5 year commitment, running from 2021-22 and 2025-26. The full terms of the agreement will be agreed before the beginning of each season and a revised agreement will be issued and signed by representatives from the Parish Council and Football Team.
2. Either organisation can withdraw from the arrangement, giving 6 months' notice from the renewal date. In this instance written confirmation must be provided by 31 December of each year. Any notice given after this date by the Football Team may be subject to additional fees, to be agreed by the Parish Council, in light of any potential lost income. This will be dependent on the circumstances.
3. **The rent payable to Deopham & Hackford Parish Council for the 2021-22 season (July – May) is £600.** This is a fixed amount for the season regardless of number of training sessions or matches.
4. The rent, payable in four equal instalments, will be due on receipt of an invoice sent from the Parish Council to AG Athletic on 1st September, 1st November, 1st January and 1st March. Payment by BACS is preferred.
5. The current grass cutting contact held by the Parish Council allows for the grass to be cut once every two weeks from April to the end of October, it is not cut during November to February. At the beginning of the season the Parish Council will consult with the football team regarding any additional maintenance required on the football pitch (e.g. line painting). An agreement will be made, in addition to this agreement, regarding who is responsible for this additional maintenance and who will cover the additional costs. Should any contractor be utilised by the football team which is not the current Parish Council contractor, the relevant insurance and public liability documents must be provided to the Parish Council before they can carry out any work on the playing field.
6. Any additional works the Football Team wish to carry out in relation to the maintenance of the football pitch must be agreed with the Parish Council prior to starting. In some instances the owner of the playing field, the Rix Charity, may also need to be consulted, via the Parish Council. The Parish Council will not reasonably prevent maintenance to the playing field and welcomes improvements which will be to the benefit of Deopham residents and other users of the field.
7. The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the Pavilion and toilets. Any damage to the building should be reported to the Parish Council immediately. Regular inspections of the building will be made by the Parish Council.

8. The football team **must** ensure that they cause no inconvenience to the residents of the Parish, particularly those who live opposite the Playing Field. When the field is dry/hard enough to do so, parking on the field is allowed at the North end near the road and on the right hand side (gate side). This parking should not block access to the swings etc. and does not mean cars should be driven elsewhere on the field. No parking on the field is allowed when the ground is wet.
9. The football team must clear **all** rubbish from the field and the pavilion and dispose of it appropriately after each use of the facilities. The toilets and pavilion should be left as clean and tidy as possible. The key to the toilets should not be removed from the pavilion, any lost keys will be charged for. Bins are not provided within the pavilion, all rubbish must be taken home and disposed of.
10. The football team must ensure they have the appropriate insurance in place to cover their activities and any of their equipment left in the pavilion. Evidence of this should be provided to the Parish Council at the start of each season.
11. When using the playing field and the pavilion the football team are also responsible for the visiting (opponent) football team and any associated supporters. The football team are responsible for ensuring everyone present observe the rules within this agreement.
12. This agreement and the rent level will be reviewed at the end of each season to ensure both parties are happy.
13. A set of keys – for the main gate and the pavilion will be given to the football team and must be returned when the team no longer rent the field. Copies of the keys must not be made without prior permission from the Parish Council.
14. All communication between the football team and the Council should be directed through the Parish Clerk.

Signed(on behalf of the Parish Council)

Print Name.....

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Print Name

Dated