



CONDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Display of Signs and Posters within the Condover Parish Area

Signs and posters, usually publicising local events, often appear in the Condover Parish Area, either with or without the permission of the Condover Parish Council (CPC). The Council fully accepts the need for effective publicity drawing attention to local events. Such publicity is essential to the success of these events and hence to the life of the community. However, within its general duty of care, the Council has byelaws and is conscious of its responsibility to exercise control over the use of signs which can be unsightly, distracting to traffic and detrimental to the general appearance of the Parish area.

1. Objectives

The issue of signs is frequently discussed by the CPC in considering their response to particular requests or in receiving complaints about unsightly signs or signs which distract attention from important road and other signs. This policy aims to clarify Condover Parish Council's position in relation to signage, and ensure some measure of consistency and continuity in managing the issue.

2. Scope of the Policy

This Policy refers signs placed on land owned by Condover Parish Council.

It is not intended to refer to signs placed on land in private ownership. Signs placed on public land will be referred where necessary and in the first instance to the relevant department within Shropshire Council.

3. Policy Guideline

3.1 Organisations or individuals wishing to place signs on Parish (common) land within the Parish must first seek permission from the CPC.

Applications in writing should be made to the Clerk of the Council at least three weeks before the event.

3.2 Permission may be given for publicising a single event or in certain instances the permission may cover a series of repeating events, on the understanding that the Council reserves the right to withdraw this permission at any time in the future.

- 3.3** Fly posting is not permitted. Any such posters may be removed by the Council and if an organisation or individual persists in fly posting then, with the agreement of the Council, will be referred for further action to be taken as appropriate.
- 3.4** Commercial premises, e.g. public houses, shops, are not permitted to place signs on land owned by the CPC adjacent to their premises. If such signs appear the person responsible will be asked to remove them.
- 3.5** Local events fall into two categories:
- a. In the case of functions put on by the village organisations. e.g. Village Fete, School fair, Church Flower Festival, etc., the Council will normally be prepared to give permission for suitable signs to be put up fourteen days before the actual event.
 - b. In the case of functions held in the Parish arranged by commercial organisations, e.g. Auctions, Antique Fairs, etc., the Council will normally be prepared to give permission for suitable signs to be put up five days before the actual event
- 3.6** For all the above functions the organisers should ensure that all signs are taken down on the day following the day of the event. The Council will not expect signs to be professionally produced but they would expect them to be of no larger than 400 x 500 cm and the content is to be approved by the Council prior to them being displayed.
- 3.7** Where CPC has requested removal of signage and this has not been complied with, signs may be removed by the Council¹. Any signs removed by CPC will be stored for a period of up to one calendar month, after which time the Council reserves the right to dispose them.
- 4.** The day-to-day handling of these matters is delegated by the CPC to the Clerk to Condover Parish Council

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¹ Highways Act 1980 states inter alia that the Highway Authority, Shropshire Council, may remove any picture, letter, sign or other mark which has, without consent or authorisation or an enactment, been painted or inscribed or fixed on the highway or on any tree, structure or works on or in the highway. Ref sections 130, 132, 143 2