

# East Bridgford Parish Council

## Policy on unmanned aerial systems (drones, model aircraft etc.)

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 There has been an increase in interest, both recreational and professional, in the use of unmanned aerial systems (UAS), popularly known as drones. However, UAS includes any motorised device which flies above the ground controlled remotely by the operator, so model aircraft are included. It is necessary therefore that there should be a policy which deals with UAS which people might want to use on or over land owned or leased by the Parish Council.
- 1.2 National law and policy is covered by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) policy 393, reference to which is given below.

### 2. Aim of this policy

- 2.1 The aim of this policy is to ensure that the safety, enjoyment and privacy of people who are on land owned or leased by the Parish Council, or people who reside and/or work in the neighbourhood of such land, are not adversely affected by the use of UAS.

### 3. Policy statements

- 3.1 In order to fulfil the aim in 2.1 above, the Parish Council has resolved that no UAS may be used on or over land owned or leased by the Parish Council, subject to the exemption below.
- 3.2 The Parish Council will consider an exceptional request by a professional operator to use a UAS where it is required to survey a situation which may be a risk to the public and where it would be also constitute a risk to an operative to use another method. In such a case, the operator will only be granted permission if they can demonstrate that the use of the UAS will meet the requirements of the CAA, that they have suitable qualifications in the use of the UAS and that they have adequate civil liability insurance which explicitly covers the use of a UAS.

### 4. Implementation of the policy

- 4.1 Suitable notices will be placed on Butt Close and Bridgford Street.
- 4.2 The policy will be publicised in the village magazine, social media where appropriate and placed on the website.
- 4.3 If incidents are found in progress, the operator should be requested to immediately stop the activity for the reasons given above. Confrontations however should be avoided for safety and well-being reasons, so if the request is met with resistance, the advice is to disengage and contact the police. All incidents should be reported to the Clerk, for further consideration as to what action is appropriate.

***For details of the CAA policy CAP 393 Air Navigation: The Order and Regulations please visit [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk), alongside further information and guidance on operation, safety, formal permission request etc***