

## Document Control

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# Bramerton Parish Council

## Barbecues on Bramerton Common

### Guidelines and Risk Assessment

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## 1. Introduction

Bramerton Parish Council permits the use of barbecues on designated areas of Bramerton Common. Anyone choosing to use a barbecue on Parish Council land does so entirely at their own risk. Users must act responsibly, minimise risks to other visitors, nearby residents, wildlife, and property, and comply with these guidelines at all times. Users are advised to carry out a basic risk assessment before lighting a barbecue and ensure that the barbecue is monitored at all times while lit. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in action by the Parish Council or relevant authorities.

## 2. Location and Use Restrictions

Barbecues may only be used:

- In the designated paved areas on Bramerton Common.
- On the concrete base provided for this purpose.

Barbecues must not be used:

- Directly on grass or soil.
- Close to dry vegetation, woodland brush, or combustible materials.
- In locations that obstruct access routes.

## 3. Safety Checks Before Lighting a Barbecue

Before lighting a barbecue, users must ensure that:

- The barbecue is well away from moored craft, buildings, and combustible materials such as long dry grass or woodland debris.
- There is sufficient space for emergency service access, including access for nearby dwellings and river users.
- Weather conditions are suitable. Particular attention should be given to:
  - Wind strength
  - Wind direction
  - Dry weather conditions which increase fire risk

- A plan is in place for:
  - Safe disposal of ashes
  - Removal of all waste

## 4. Group Size

Barbecue gatherings must not exceed 20 people. If more than 20 people are expected, the gathering will be considered an Open Space Event, and written permission must be obtained from Bramerton Parish Council in advance.

## 5. Supervision

- A barbecue must never be left unattended while lit.
- A responsible adult must supervise the barbecue at all times.
- Suitable means of extinguishing the barbecue (such as water) should be readily available.

## 6. When the Barbecue is Finished

When the barbecue is no longer in use:

- Allow the barbecue to cool completely or extinguish it carefully using cold water.
- Charcoal users must remove all cold ash from the site.
- Ash must not be disposed of anywhere on Bramerton Common, as this is prohibited under the Inclosure Act 1857.
- Hot ashes must never be placed in plastic containers, as they may melt and create a fire hazard.

## 7. Waste and Litter

There are no rubbish bins at this location.

Before leaving the site, users must:

- Remove all waste and litter.
- Take home any packaging, food waste, and charcoal containers.
- Leave the area clean and safe for other users.

## 8. Risk Assessment Summary

### **Hazard: Fire from barbecue**

Potential risk: Grass or woodland fire

Control measures: Use only paved area and concrete base

### **Hazard: Wind spreading flames or sparks**

Potential risk: Fire risk to vegetation or boats

Control measures: Check weather conditions before lighting

### **Hazard: Proximity to boats or buildings**

Potential risk: Property damage or injury

Control measures: Maintain safe distance from moored craft and structures

**Hazard: Unattended barbecue**

Potential risk: Escalating fire risk

Control measures: Barbecue must be supervised at all times

**Hazard: Hot ash disposal**

Potential risk: Fire or burns

Control measures: Allow ashes to cool fully before removal

**Hazard: Waste left on site**

Potential risk: Environmental damage

Control measures: All waste must be removed from The Common

**Hazard: Large gatherings**

Potential risk: Congestion, safety risk

Control measures: Limit to 20 people without council permission

## **9. Responsibility and Liability**

The Parish Council accepts no liability for injury, loss, or damage resulting from the use of barbecues on Bramerton Common.

Individuals using barbecues are responsible for:

- Ensuring safe operation
- Preventing damage to the Common
- Removing all waste and ashes