

## **REGULATORY ASSESSMENT**

of the proposed byelaws to ensure that the proposed byelaws are proportionate.

### **What is the objective of the proposed byelaws?**

- i. To revoke the existing byelaws of 1996 and bring them up to date. The current byelaws do not follow the Model Byelaws (Set 2).
- ii. The existing byelaws only refer to one specific piece of land (the Recreational Ground, incorporating a Village Green). The proposed byelaws relate to all the various spaces owned, leased or managed by Lavant Parish Council around the parish and ensures they provide adequate protection of all said spaces.

### **Could the objective be achieved in any other way, short of a byelaw?**

Not in the opinion of Lavant Parish Council. The existing byelaws are insufficiently robust to provide protection of all the parish spaces. The Council cannot currently provide a strong framework for the management, administration and control of its spaces.

### **What will be the impact of the byelaws upon those affected by it?**

The proposed byelaws will create greater clarity of what activities and behaviours are/are not allowed in the spaces, which the existing byelaws do not currently provide. The current byelaws provide a completely inadequate framework for this purpose.

Initial consultation has been carried out with all the parish's overarching and neighbouring authorities, neighbouring and local village organisations as well as the local area disability organisation. The byelaws have also been made available to the general public via the Parish Council website.

During this initial consultation the Parish Council received comments from two organisations, which prompted minor amendments to the proposed byelaws:

1. LPC was asked to include the village hall car park in the scope of the byelaws, to assist in providing additional clarity.
2. WSCC asked that public rights of way (PROW) were not impeded by the byelaws, and that WSCC would not need to request the Parish Council's permission to access the PROW routes in respect of placing signage.

### **Will the proposed byelaws increase, or decrease, the regulatory burden imposed upon those affected by them, and can the local authority express this increase or decrease as a financial cost or benefit?**

The byelaws will relate to more than one piece of land, so where these additional pieces of land are included in the proposed byelaws there will be an increased regulatory burden (ie new byelaws compared to no byelaws). The proposed byelaws merely seek to provide a framework for socially acceptable standards of behaviour and will not result in any increase or decrease in financial cost or benefit to any party.

### **How does making the proposed byelaw compare with taking no further action?**

If no further action is taken, the Council will continue to have several public spaces under its ownership/control for which there is no legal protection against misuse. The Council needs the legal framework provided by the byelaws to protect the spaces into the future.