

Carbrooke Parish Council Abandoned Bicycle Policy

Policy Statement

Carbrooke Parish Council is responsible for removing bicycles (or part of a bicycle) from those public areas that are maintained by the Parish Council if they are classed as abandoned.

Implementation

A bicycle may be classed as abandoned if it meets one or more of the following criteria:-

- It is secured in a dangerous way (ie blocking the public highway)
- When it is noted as not having been moved for a reasonable period of time. The Council classifies this period of time as 14 days.

Once a bicycle (or part of a bicycle) is identified by the Council as potentially abandoned, the Council will take all reasonable measures to allow the owner to remove it before taking action.

The Council notes that section 2 of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 c.3, under which it is an offence to

- Abandon on any land in the open air, or on any other land forming part of a highway, a motor vehicle, or any part of a motor vehicle removed while dismantling the vehicle on the land.
- Abandon on any land any thing other than a motor vehicle, that was brought to the land for the purpose of abandoning it.

The Council will secure a notice to the bicycle (or part of a bicycle) warning that the bicycle (or part of a bicycle) will be removed after a period of 14 days from when the notice is attached.

If there is anything about the bicycle (or part of a bicycle) which identifies the owner, the Parish Council will attempt to contact the owner and advise them that their bicycle (or part of a bicycle) is to be removed as abandoned.

Once a bicycle has been removed the Parish Council will store it for a further 14 days, after which it will be recycled as scrap metal or used in another recycling scheme.

If the bicycle (or part of a bicycle) is not removed within the 14 day period, the Council reserves the right to remove the bicycle (or part of a bicycle) from its land.

Can I claim my bicycle if I think it has been removed by the Parish Council ?

Yes. Any claimant should call or email the Parish Council and will be asked to prove the bicycle (or part of a bicycle) is theirs by providing a description of the bicycle (or part of a bicycle) – ie make, colour, model) together with any identifying features, the location of where the bicycle (or part of a bicycle) was left, or any other relevant information.

All reports should be made by email at carbrokeparishclerk@gmail.com or telephone (01362 687492).

MONITORING AND REVIEW

The Parish Council is responsible for the monitoring and review of this policy. Any remedial action will be taken as necessary.

Agreed: February 2020.

Review Date: January 2022.