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Dog & Litter Bin Policy

Introduction

Moulton Parish Council are passionate about keeping the Parish tidy. To help achieve this goal there are a large amount of public litter and dog waste bins throughout the Parish that are emptied on a regular basis by West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) supported by Parish contracted staff.

This policy sets out the procedures and requirements for the installation and maintenance of new bins, and the replacement of existing bins in addition to the 79 dog and litter bins currently installed or awaited. It also defines protocol for responding to requests for bins.

1. Service

The Council has a responsibility for maintaining an acceptable level of cleanliness by installing and maintaining litter and dog waste bins throughout the Parish.

2. New Bin Requests

Requests for the installation of new bins should be sent to the Executive Officer for consideration and reported at the following Full Council meeting. Public litter and dog waste bins will only be located in areas where it can be demonstrated that there is a genuine need for one.

If the Executive Officer deems the location to be unsuitable for reasons of safety, such as access to empty a bin, proximity to housing, or installation difficulties, it may be declined. Where possible, an alternative location will be considered in the locality, in liaison with WNC.

3. Signage and Lining of Bins

Where necessary signage will be provided advising the public of the nearest litter and dog bin. In order to distinguish the bins maintained by WNC, all bins will be lined with coloured polythene liners.

4. Emptying of Dog/Waste Bins

The Executive Officer in conjunction with the Parish contracted staff will determine procedures for monitoring and emptying bins not emptied by WNC on a regular basis.

5. Maintenance of Bins

Over time, bins are subject to wear and tear, accidental or willful damage and will need to be either refurbished or replaced. The condition of the bins will be checked by the Parish contracted staff on a regular basis

6. Approach to mixing of dog waste and general litter

Whilst the Council understands that dog faeces may now be mixed with general waste for reasons of economic disposal the Council will still provide dedicated dog bins at strategic points in the Parish

This policy is reviewed annually by the Executive Officer and submitted to the full council for approval.

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