



# Scotter Parish Council

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To Whom It May Concern.

## **Public Statement – Parson's Wood**

Scotter Parish Council held a public meeting on Thursday 17th August 2023, to discuss the excavations in Parson's Wood following public complaints and safety concerns. No permission had been sought or given for any excavation or construction in a public open space.

The Parish Council contacted their insurers to understand their legal responsibilities. Insurers advised that as the ramps have not been designed to any specification or built by a competent contractor, the ramps must be removed and the deep holes they have created must be made safe. The Occupiers Liability Act 1957 & 1984 states that the Parish Council has a duty of care for all visitors and can be held liable for injury if found negligent.

Therefore, a resolution was passed at the meeting to comply with the wishes of insurers to continue to keep the area safe for all. Going forward the Parish Council will work with the community to investigate options for the future.

Scotter Parish Council has committed to actively encouraging the formation of a working party of parishioners, to engage with the younger people in the parish and create proposals for appropriate facilities. This will be supported and facilitated by the Parish Council and will enable parish resources to be utilised and offer support.

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