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DEPLOYMENT OF CCTV CAMERAS AT SHORNE COMMON

There have been instances of criminal damage to the new children's play equipment recently. It is disappointing that certain individuals should choose to damage equipment provided for and enjoyed by small children, and cared for by local volunteers. The cost of repairs is ultimately borne by the residents of Shorne.

Shorne Parish Council operates a CCTV system, registered with the Information Commissioner's Office and conforming to the CCTV Code of Practice, and operated in accordance with documented procedures to comply with the Data Protection Act and other relevant legislation. In addition to the fixed CCTV cameras in The Street, the Parish Council also has a number of self-contained camouflaged cameras.

The Parish Council may periodically deploy one or more of the self-contained camouflaged cameras at Shorne Common to provide coverage of the children's play equipment. As the CCTV cameras will record images of children, the Parish Council is reviewing its procedures and carrying out a further Privacy Impact Assessment.

Please be assured that:

- The deployment of CCTV cameras is purely to deter crime and antisocial activity, and to assist in the identification of persons who carry out crime and antisocial activity.
- Recordings of children and ordinary members of the public going about their normal lawful activities at the play area will not be monitored, replayed, shared, or retained. Recorded images from the CCTV system will only be accessed by authorised persons in the event of an incident, or for testing purposes.
- Except where criminal or antisocial activity is recorded, the recorded images will be erased as soon as they are no longer required.
- Recorded images will not be shared with third parties, other than the Police and other statutory enforcement organisations where necessary and lawful. The Parish Council shall ensure that the authorised third party is fully aware of their legal obligations under the Data Protection Act and other relevant legislation.
- If it is necessary to publicise images for the identification of suspected offenders, appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure that any images of children and third parties are obscured to prevent identification.

Should you have any comments or questions, please write to:

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