

Harwellian Club – food vans on rec Sep 2023

Club has previously said it intends to host food vans on the car park. Clerk asked PC insurers and VWHDC for advice as council was not clear of the process in view of the fact that

- Club would be hosting the vans outside its leased area
- Not clear whether neighbours have been consulted
- Permission not yet requested from PC

VWHDC has promised a reply but none received other than general advice at time of posting agenda.

PC insurance has said

The Parish Council's only liability is as owner of the plot of land that you are responsible for.

The Harwellian social club should have their own public liability in place and they will need to check with their insurers regarding the food stall.

There would also be no cover for the independent food vans – they should have their own cover in place.

So it seems that if the Club asked for permission from the council to host food vans on the car park it would need to show that it had its own public liability insurance.

Club has now sent the following by email

...draft generic risk assessment [posted alongside agenda] for any food vans booked by the Harwellian and located in the Rec car park. This needs approval by the Harwellian committee but has already been reviewed by the committee member responsible for safety. Please let us know if you have any comments.

You will note that one of the actions is to ask HPC to deal with the trip hazards in the car park.

I can now confirm that we have booked our first food van for Sat 11th November. [details, licence and PL insurance certificate for £5000000 provided]

For any future bookings [Club] propose the following process:

- 1. The Harwellian Club notify HPC in advance of dates and details of any food vans/stalls booked by the Harwellian and located on the Rec*
- 2. The Harwellian Club check the company's licence and insurance and confirm to HPC that all is in order*
- 3. The Harwellian Club monitor compliance against the risk assessment and review it annually*

NEXT STEPS for Committee –

1. Discuss Club's proposals and Risk Assessment

2. Recommend that Club needs to

- consult neighbours before proceeding
- formally request permission from council before hosting any vans on the car park outside the Club's leased area
- provide evidence of Public Liability insurance
- update risk assessment as necessary, depending on Lands Committee/council comments