



## **Removal of Unauthorised Encampment on Parish Council Land Policy**

### Definition

The Government defines unauthorised encampments as 'encampments of caravans and/or other vehicles on land without the landowner or occupier's consent and constituting trespass'.

### Aims & Objectives

- To manage unauthorised encampments in an efficient and effective way taking account of the potential level of nuisance for local residents and the rights and responsibilities of Gypsies and Travellers.
- To establish effective communication between partners, the community and Gypsies and Travellers, to ensure that any inconvenience and disruption is minimised.
- To bring the unauthorised encampment to an end and to ensure any enforcement action taken is lawful.

### Procedure to Follow

- The Police will be informed on 101, so that any anti-social behaviour can be monitored and their powers of eviction commenced where applicable.
- When possible, Pulborough's Neighbourhood Wardens will be notified so they can engage with the Gypsy and Travellers on site, on behalf of the Parish Council, in order to gain information, offer support and help offer solutions to minimise disruption and community tensions.
- All Parish Councillors will be informed. Bulletins of the situation will be issued on all social media resources to keep the local community informed.
- Once an unauthorised encampment is established on Parish Council land, the Clerk will monitor the situation in liaison with Sussex Police and the Neighbourhood Wardens to ascertain whether West Sussex County Council's Gypsy & Traveller Team should be contacted. If considered appropriate, WSCC GTT Team will be contacted on 0330 2223736 to initiate their procedure to remove the unauthorised encampment through the legal process.