

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL – POLICIES

POLICY ON REMOVAL OF WOOD FROM THE COMMON

The Fuel Allotment is the only area from which wood may be removed without specific permission. This is the area to the right of the easternmost path on the Common. This extends roughly to the heather bed – beyond that is private land (Ken Hill Estates), and wood cannot be taken from this land.

Such wood may only be that which has fallen and is lying on the ground – it must only be cut using a handsaw.

Wood on the body of the Common is not to be removed without express and written permission of Council. Council reserves the right to contact the Police as such removal constitutes theft.

From time to time, Council may decide to clear trees and remove/distribute wood. This will always be by Council resolution. This is the only occasion on which a chain saw may be used, with the following policy:

- There will be written notices displayed in advance;
- Police will be informed;
- All users must use protective equipment recommended at that time;
- All users must be licensed, and have written permission, and either Council or their own insurance;
- The area must be cordoned off, with appropriate safety notices;
- No user may work alone.

Consequently, if anyone is seen using a chain-saw without such rules being adhered to, or is seen removing wood from the Common without any notification being posted, they are probably not doing so legally. Please contact the Parish Council in the first instance, or the Police.

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