

Covid 19 Risk assessment statement & declaration – Lostwithiel Town Council park & picnic benches

Date of latest review – 01 September 2020

As at the date of this risk assessment statement there is no specific Government Guidance regarding park and picnic benches. Current Government Guidance on Covid-19 mitigation measures outside the home anticipates a level of user responsibility.

The Coronavirus alert level is 3 – the virus is in general circulation but not high or rising quickly.

Cornwall Association of Local Councils has issued guidance to their membership that all ‘facilities’ open must meet the 3 Covid-19 tests on social distancing, personal hygiene and the cleanliness of hard surfaces.

Social distancing – Is it possible for members of the public to social distance when using LTC park and picnic benches – Yes

Personal Hygiene – Is it reasonable to expect members of the public to hand sanitise when using LTC park and picnic benches – Yes

Cleanliness of hard surfaces – Is it possible for members of the public to clean the surface of the bench prior to use – Yes

History – Covid 19 park and picnic benches –

25 April 2020 – request received from Devon & Cornwall Police to tape off benches by the river adjacent to the Parade.

12 May 2020 – confirmation from Devon & Cornwall Police that as the Prime Minister has said people can sit out in public, the tape can be removed from the riverside benches.

Future considerations

Local spike in infection levels – Follow any advice/recommendations issued by Government or Cornwall Council regarding keeping park and picnic benches open or closed.

Decision: That Lostwithiel Town Council park and picnic benches can remain open to the public as these benches can meet the 3 Covid-19 tests.

Signed *S Harris*
Town clerk

Anticipated review frequency: Bi monthly

Reviewed 28/07/20

Add signage to all benches to encourage social distancing

Reviewed 01/09/20

Signage agreed