

HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

MOYNIHAN PARK

MANAGEMENT PLAN

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PREFACE

Moynihan Park is basically a back-up ground to Shannon Domain which people also use to exercise their dogs at present.

The Park is administered by the Operations Department of the Horowhenua District Council with maintenance responsibilities coming under Council's Contractors.

This Draft Management Plan was prepared during the latter part of 1999 and early 2000 in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977. It sets out the basis of the park's management. Future management options and public comment from public meetings, community liaison and through the invitation of initial submissions is included, enabling the document to reflect community interest in the park and concern for its management.

This is very much a "draft" document. The purpose of issuing it for further public comment is to enable you to contribute to the development of the management objectives and policies for the Domain, and ensure that the information presented on the park history/background and resources is correct.

Following consideration of public submissions on the Draft Management Plan by the Reserve Management Team and Parks Manager, the document will be amended accordingly and presented to the Development Committee of the Horowhenua District Council for approval as the Operative Management Plan for the park.

Chairperson

Development Committee

Horowhenua District Council

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

During preparation of this Draft Reserve Management Plan the public were asked for suggestions and comments relating to Moynihan Park by way of public notice, a public meeting and letters to or contact with interested parties including:

1. Iwi
2. Councillor Scott
3. Shannon Progressive Association
4. Works Civil Construction
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5. Horowhenua District Council staff.
6. Shannon Rugby Football Club
7. Phoenix Sports Club
8. Shannon Tourism Group

The author would like to thank those who attended the Shannon public meeting for their interest and input.

NOTE: Further public comment, suggestions and/or written submissions are now sought. The closing date for these is 28 April 2000.

1.0 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the management plan are:

1. To provide a back-up playing field to Shannon Domain for rugby.
2. To present options available should Moynihan Park change in use or be sold.

2.0 HISTORY/BACKGROUND

In 1978, Council decided to name the recreation area on the A. Brown Estate "Moynihan Park" after the Moynihan Family and Councillor BP Moynihan. In 1979, Council moved to complete the new Engles Road entrance, and provide topsoil for the soccer ground. Repairs were carried out on 140 metres of northern boundary fencing and 85 metres were erected on the southern boundary. In November 1979, the park was leased for grazing. In 1980 Shannon Soccer Club, the first of many clubs and organisations were granted permission to use the park's playing field. In 1981 old changing rooms were located on piles, donated by the Shannon Lions Club, and were renovated with PEP labour. In 1982, publicity signs, advertising the park, were erected at strategic points around Shannon. That year motor vehicles were banned from the park unless authorised. In 1983, grazing was restricted to sheep only, and it was resolved to draw up strict guidelines for park use. In 1984 unisex toilets were erected close to the rear boundary at a cost of \$2,008 (classed as a permanent building). In September that year Council resolved to mini-mole the ground at a cost of \$1,200.

In March 1985 Horowhenua Football Association Inc were granted permission to use the park at \$25 a season. In April 1989 Shannon Rugby Football Club were granted use of the park as a reserve venue at \$40 for the winter season. In August 1992 Mr Moynihan donated 4 Nikau Palms; two were planted at the entrance to the park. In November 1992 a utility shed was placed on the park for \$4,688 plus GST. In October 1997 Council decided to lock the toilets outside the winter sports season due to little use and to deter vandalism. In March 1998 concern was raised over the condition of the wooden building not meeting OSH standards which led to its removal later that year.

3.0 PHYSICAL LOCATION IN DISTRICT

Shannon, south end of town, access road from Engles Road (SH1). (See Appendix 11.1)

4.0 AREA

Moynihan Park has a total area of 1.4617ha.

5.0 LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot 9 DP 48849 Certificate of Title 19D/728

6.0 CLASSIFICATION

Moynihan Park is classified as a recreation reserve in the Horowhenua District Plan 1999, though not officially gazetted as such. Pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977, the park should be gazetted as a recreation reserve as that is its primary purpose.

The underlying zone is Residential I.

7.0 USE

Presently only used in winter as a back-up field for rugby, and sometimes soccer. Currently dogs are allowed to be exercised on a leash in the park.

8.0 FACILITIES

- Doggy bin and sign to this effect
- Tree shelterbelt
- Fence (accessway)
- Toilets x2

9.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

- One toilet could be relocated to Hyde Park.
- Use to be used for soccer when the club was up and running.
- Access road requires resealing.
- Rough grass on either side of the park does not promote its use.
- Do not like the idea of sports and dogs mixing.
- Questioned the need for this “reserve” park; put forward the possible option of a partnership with St Joseph’s school to act as a “reserve” park.

10.0 FUTURE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS, CURRENT MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND POLICIES

10.1 Future Management Options

1. Reseal road reserve accessway (Lot 11).
2. Sell reserve and contribute to maintaining one of the school fields at St Josephs Primary School - which could then be available as a reserve field.
3. Consider changing from a dog area to a non dog area.

10.2 Current Management Issues

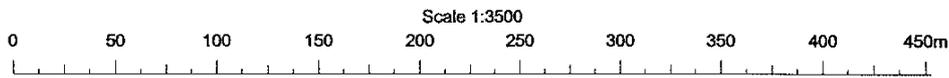
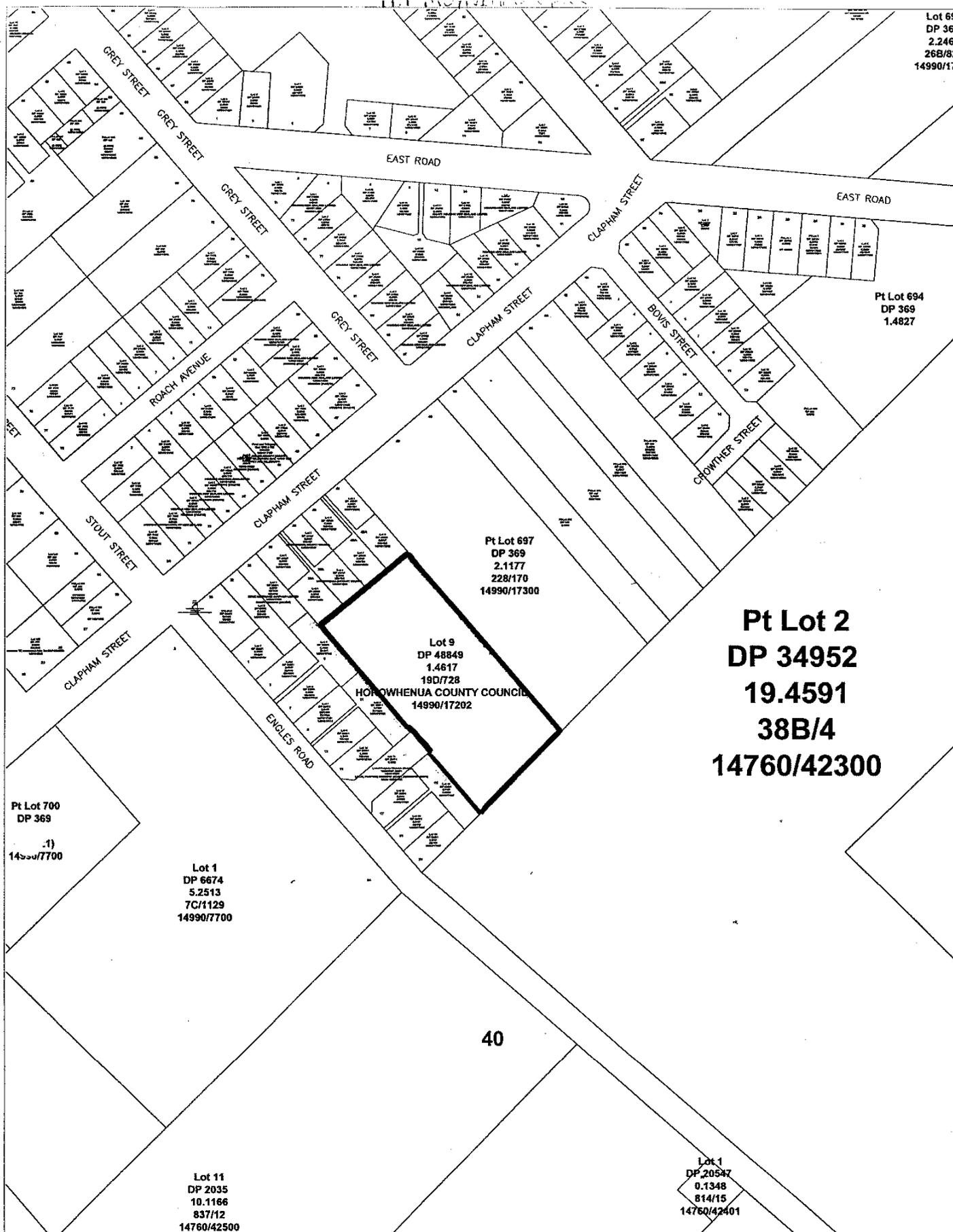
1. Accessway condition - stones flicking up to houses and lawns.
2. Rough grass on either side unattractive.

10.3 Policies

Refer Reserves Management Policy Document.

10.4 Actions

1. Maintain Moynihan Park in its present state until such time as a partnership arrangement can be cordially arranged between Council and St Josephs Primary School to provide an alternative back-up field, and/or a review of the Horowhenua District Council Dog Control Bylaw 1997.
2. Relocate one toilet from the park to Hyde Play Park.



Community Response

Why not both. Applied to lottery for funding for play equipment but didn't get it. If landscaped, the park could accommodate both types. Perhaps we could apply to Progressive Association for funding. Country fair raised money for community projects. Needs draining first before putting new equipment in. Concern with the height of slide off ground.

Park is an after school congregating area. Ages tend to be younger. Grandparents also take grandkids down there. Used a lot as it is right amongst the residential area. Should be sign posted off the main road. Also open it up for security purposes.

Council Response

Security concerns came from a letter in file with the willows becoming a stranger danger concern.

Community Response

General disagreement. Wide open, and neighbours keep watch. Lighting on corner for night would be useful. Don't want to encourage nighttime use, especially if you put a WC there. Maybe two lights – one for the park and one for the street. Parking area required for visitors to the area especially.

Moynihhan ParkCommunity/Council Suggestion

One of the WCs should be relocated to Hyde Park. General agreement to move unisex WC to Hyde Park.

Community Response

Moynihhan Park and St Joseph's were both used as soccer grounds when the club was running.

Council Comment

The Park is currently a dog walking area with a doggie bin provided. Should dogs be permitted on this park?

Community Response

Don't like the idea of sports/dogs mixing. Park is needed as a reserve park. Entrance not sealed and needs sealing. Only one vehicle access - from Engles Road. Rough grass on either side of the park is probably why it is not used so much as a dog park.

Community Query

Do we need to keep as a reserve field?

Council Response

Should we contribute to keeping one of the school fields upgraded (if full size)?

Community Suggestion

100kph sign in Engles Road - danger to children, needs moved past the turnoff to the park.

Council Response

Transit responsible for setting speeds, but Council can get signs moved.

Community Response

Road outside park needs to be 50 kph.

Shannon Meeting 7 December 1999.doc

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Significant Development Dates/Events

20 June 1978	County Engineer asks to place rubbish containers at Moynihan Park.
22 June 1978	Council decides to name the recreation area on the A. Brown Estate "Moynihan Park" after Cr Moynihan's family.
20 March 1979	Council moves to complete the new Engles Road entrance and to provide some topsoil for the soccer ground.
16 October 1979	Council resolves to carry out repairs to fencing on northern boundary and approximately 140 metres and arrange fencing on southern boundary comprising 85 metres and which, 60 metres is to be shared with adjacent property owner.
7 November 1979	Agreed to lease park to Mr M Barry, A. Lenarts Farm from 9 November 1979 for \$25.00 per month in advance. Tenant to maintain stockproof fences and prevent stock straying. Sheep only may graze - keep land clear of noxious plants - lease may be terminated with 30 days clear notice.
28 March 1980	Council advises Shannon Soccer Club that season charges are \$15 per season, for one night per week.
15 April 1980	Resolved to grant Horowhenua Football Association permission to use park for \$15 per season. Ditto for 1981.
16 April 1980	Resolved to grant Shannon Football Association use of park for \$15 per season.
19 April 1980	Resolved to let Shannon Soccer Club graze sheep on site for remainder of season.
20 October 1981	Council informed that changing rooms were located on site and being renovated with PEP labour. Shannon Lions Club donated foundation piles.
20 October 1981	D Strawbridge will graze park from October 1981 to April 1982 for \$150.
2 June 1982	Signs advertising park to be ordered <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SH57 Stout Street- SH57 Balance Street- Stout Street, Clapham Street- Engles Road opposite park entrance
15 June 1982	Resolves to erect sign stating no unauthorised motor vehicles permitted on park.

16 August 1983	Resolved to draw up guidelines for use of park regarding picking up rubbish, keeping noise down, groups be under control, organised activities be kept within grounds, a hire fee be charged, and that toilets were not available.
15 March 1983	Resolved - only sheep to be grazed.
20 September 1983	Member of public given permission to remove two dead trees on park boundary, and pay Council \$5 per tree.
27 April 1984	Announced - Horowhenua Rugby Union will pay \$100 extra totalling \$250 from April to August. A \$50 rental will also be placed on Shannon Netball Association and the Shannon Tennis Club.
24 May 1984	Shed, steel door and two vents costing \$2,008 ordered by Council for purpose of unisex toilet.
19 June 1984	Permission given to Mr Eveleigh to plant trees on the boundary between his property and Moynihan Park.
21 August 1984	Unisex toilets located close to rear boundaries of adjoining property owner for economical connection to sewerage/water services. To be classed as a permanent gully.
19 September 1984	Council votes to spend \$1,200 mini-moling the park.
10 October 1984	Tender from Mr J.M Allan, East Road, Shannon to graze sheep from 1 October to March 1985 for \$185. Accepted by Council.
8 November 1984	NZ Turf Culture Institute conducts tests on Moynihan Park - Recommendations: *Apply 1 tonne/ha calcium in June-July *Apply 50kg/ha phosphate in late March.
4 November 1984	High magnesium levels found. Aim for pH level of 6.0-6.2
21 March 1985	Horowhenua Football Association Inc granted permission to use grounds for season at \$25.00.
5 March 1986	Horowhenua Football Association granted seasons use of park - rents for 1986 to be reviewed.
4 November 1987	Hanana Whanau Social Club granted use of park on Saturdays from 1 November 1987 to Easter 1988. Rental to be deferred.
2 March 1988	Same as above, but for 1988-89. Rental not mentioned.
20 April 1989	Shannon Rugby Football Club granted use of park as a reserve venue at \$40.00 for winter season. It was only \$36.00 for the 1988 season, and \$30 for 1987.
28 October 1986	J Allan, East Road, offered renewal of grazing rights for \$234.96 - no reply listed.

21 August 1992	Letter from Council to Mr Moynihan acknowledging his donation of 4 Nikau Palms, which were planted 13 August 1992 during Tree and Forest Week. Two were planted at the entrance to the Park and two along Plimmer Terrace (opposite the former BNZ and one opposite his property).
13 November 1992	Council accepts supply of Humes Utility shed for \$4,688 plus GST.
20 July 1993	Public toilets and changing sheds requiring maintenance.
24 August 1993	Letter from Council regarding the shed and proposing to move it off the park to upgrade and resite it, possibly as a scout shed or similar.
8 October 1993	Letter from Shannon Rugby Football Club regarding stones down accessway and asking that the shed be retained.
25 November 1993	Letter from Council regarding renovating shed on the park.
14 August 1997	Sealing of road (accessway) to park included in 1997/98 estimates.
29 October 1997	Toilets to be locked outside winter sports season, and WCC not to clean them during this time.
30 March 1998	Concern over wooden building condition and OSH state, possibly to remove or demolish.
15 March 1998	Keys for park sent out to John Williams (Shannon Rugby Football Club).
21 June 1999	Quote for fence around park \$1,989.35.

ADDENDUM

Moynihan Park Reserve Management Plan

1. One submission was received on the above Plan during the consultation process under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 and are appended to this addendum.
2. Submissions were considered at a special meeting of the Development Committee on 19 June 2000 and the following resolution ratified by Council on 19 July 2000.

(See attached).

3. The Moynihan Park Reserve Management Plan was adopted by Council on 19 July 2000 and publicly notified on 12 & 16 August 2000.
4. A copy of the Management Plan was forwarded to the Department of Conservation on 16 August 2000.