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BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

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Byelaws made under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 by Dacorum Borough Council with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

PART 1 GENERAL

General Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means Dacorum Borough Council;

“the ground” means any of the grounds listed in Schedule 1;

“designated area” means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,

- (a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,
- (b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and
- (c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

Application

2. These byelaws apply to all of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 unless otherwise stated.

Opening times

3. (1) No person shall enter or remain in the ground except during opening hours.
- (2) “Opening hours” means the days and times during which the ground is open to the public and which are indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.
- (3) Byelaw 3(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 1 of Schedule 2.

PART 2

PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

Interpretation of Part 2

“Sky lantern” means any unmanned device which relies on an open flame or other heat source to heat air within it with the intention of causing it to lift into the atmosphere

Protection of structures and plants

4. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground:
 - (a) any barrier, post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or
 - (b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.
- (2) No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over:
 - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant;
 - (b) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
 - (c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.

Unauthorised erection of structures

5. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

Climbing

6. No person shall without reasonable excuse climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

Grazing

7. No person shall without the consent of the Council turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.

Protection of wildlife

8. No person shall kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares.

Gates

9. (1) No person shall leave open any gate to which this byelaw applies and which he has opened or caused to be opened.
- (2) Byelaw 9(1) applies to any gate to which is attached, or near to which is displayed, a conspicuous notice stating that leaving the gate open is prohibited.

Camping

10. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping except in a designated area for camping.

Fires

11. (1) No person shall:
 - (a) light a fire; or
 - (b) place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire; or
 - (c) release a lighted sky lantern into the atmosphere.
- (2) Byelaw (1) shall not apply to:
 - (a) the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit; or
 - (b) the lighting or use, in such a manner as to safeguard against damage or danger to any person, of a properly constructed camping stove, in a designated area for camping, or of a properly constructed barbecue, in a designated area for barbecues.

Missiles

12. No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.

Interference with life-saving equipment

13. No person shall except in case of emergency remove from, or displace within the ground or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council.

PART 3

HORSES, CYCLES AND VEHICLES

Interpretation of Part 3

In this Part:

"designated route" means a route in or through the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, its route and that purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

"motor cycle" means a mechanically-propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which does not exceed 410 kilograms;

"motor vehicle" means any mechanically-propelled vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage;

"trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle and includes a caravan.

Horses

14. (1) No person shall ride a horse except in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
- (2) Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.
15. (1) No person shall ride a horse except:
 - (a) on a designated route for riding; or
 - (b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
- (2) Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of byelaw 15(1)(a) or a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.

Cycling

16. No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle in the ground except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for cycles or on a designated route for cycling.

Motor vehicles

17. No person shall without reasonable excuse bring into or drive in the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

Overnight parking

18. No person shall without the consent of the Council leave or cause or permit to be left any motor vehicle in the ground between the hours of 12 (midnight) and 6 a.m.

PART 4

PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

Interpretation of Part 4

In this Part:

“ball games” means any game involving throwing, catching, kicking, batting or running with any ball or other object designed for throwing and catching, but does not include cricket, boules or bowls;

“golf course” means any area within the ground set aside for the purposes of playing golf and includes any golf driving range, golf practice area or putting course;

“self-propelled vehicle” means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle.

Children’s play areas

19. No person aged 14 years or over shall enter or remain in a designated area which is a children’s play area unless in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.

Children’s play apparatus

20. No person aged 14 years or over shall use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.

Skateboarding, etc

21. (1) No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles except in a designated area for such activities.
- (2) Where there is a designated area for skating, sliding or riding on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles, no person shall engage in those activities in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.

Ball games

22. No person shall play ball games outside a designated area for playing ball games in such a manner:

- (a) as to exclude persons not playing ball games from use of that part;
- (b) as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
- (c) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.

23. It is an offence for any person using a designated area for playing ball games to break any of the rules set out in Schedule 3 and conspicuously displayed on a sign in the designated area when asked by any person to desist from breaking those rules.

Archery

24. No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Field sports

25. No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council or on land set aside by the Council for that purpose.

Golf

26. No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball except on the Little Hay golf course.

PART 5

WATERWAYS

Interpretation of Part 5

In this Part:

“boat” means any yacht, motor boat or similar craft but not a model or toy boat;

“power-driven” means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;

“waterway” means any river, lake, pool or other body of water and includes any fountain.

Bathing

27. No person shall without reasonable excuse bathe or swim in any waterway except in a designated area for bathing and swimming.

Ice skating

28. No person shall step onto or otherwise place their weight upon any frozen waterway.

Model boats

29. No person shall operate a power-driven model boat on any waterway.

Boats

30. No person shall sail or operate any boat, dinghy, canoe, sailboard, powerboats or inflatable on any waterway without the consent of the Council.

Fishing

31. No person shall in any waterway cast a net or line for the purpose of catching fish or other animals except in a designated area for fishing.

Pollution

32. No person shall foul or pollute any waterway.

Blocking of watercourses

33. No person shall cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed, diverted, open or shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.

PART 6

MODEL AIRCRAFT

Interpretation of Part 6

In this Part:

"model aircraft" means an aircraft which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel;

"power-driven" means driven by:

- (a) the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;
- (b) jet propulsion or by means of a rocket, other than by means of a small reaction motor powered by a solid fuel pellet not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in length; or
- (c) one or more electric motors or by compressed gas.

"radio control" means control by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.

General prohibition

34. No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to:
- (a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or

(b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse;

Other than in a designated area for flying model aircraft.

PART 7

OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Provision of services

35. No person shall without the consent of the Council provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

Excessive noise

36. (1) No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person in the ground, make or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground by:

(a) shouting or singing;

(b) playing on a musical instrument; or

(c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device.

(2) Byelaw 36(1) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Public shows and performances

37. No person shall without the consent of the Council hold or take part in any public show or performance.

Aircraft, hang gliders and hot air balloons

38. No person shall except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council take off from or land in the ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang glider or hot air balloon.

Kites

39. No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.

Metal detectors

40. No person shall without the consent of the Council use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

PART 8

MISCELLANEOUS

Obstruction

41. No person shall obstruct:
- (a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
 - (b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
 - (c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.

Savings

42. (1) It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty.
- (2) Nothing in or done under these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the ground, or the rights of any person acting lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part of the ground.

Removal of offenders

43. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.

Penalty

44. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Revocation

45. The byelaws made by The Borough of Hemel Hempstead on 8 July 1914 and confirmed by the Secretary of the Local Government Board on 11 January 1915 relating to Randalls Park, the grounds set out therein are hereby revoked.
46. The byelaws made by The Borough of Hemel Hempstead in 1934 relating to the grounds of Heath Park are hereby revoked.
47. The byelaws made by The Borough of Hemel Hempstead on 3 February 1939 and confirmed by the Minister of Health on 2 March 1939 relating to Leverstock Green, the grounds set out therein are hereby revoked.
48. The byelaws made by The Borough of Hemel Hempstead on 15 July 1954 and confirmed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State on 12 October 1954 relating to Gadebridge Park, the grounds set out therein are hereby revoked.

49. The byelaws made by The Borough of Hemel Hempstead in 1960 relating to the grounds of High Street Green are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

GROUND TO WHICH BYELAWS APPLY GENERALLY

The grounds referred to in byelaws are as follows:

1. Gadebridge Park (Hemel Town)
2. Cupid Green Playing field (Cupid Green)
3. Lagley Meadow (Berkhamsted)
4. Leverstock Green Westwick Field
5. Coronation Field (Bennetts End)
6. Reith Fields (Adeyfield)
7. Butts Meadow (Berkhamsted)
8. Canal Fields (Berkhamsted)
9. Chaulden Playing Fields
10. Grovehill Playing Fields
11. Heath park (Hemel Town)
12. Keens Field (Adeyfield)
13. Northridge Park (Warners End)
14. Bunkers Park (Nash Mills)
15. Margaret Lloyd (Grovehill)
16. Tring Memorial Garden (Tring)
17. Miswell Lane (Tring)
18. Mortimer Hill (Tring)
19. Pound Meadow (Tring)
20. Randalls Park (Highfield)
21. Turners Hill (Adeyfield)
22. Velvet Lawn (Berkhamsted)
23. Water Gardens (Hemel Town)
24. Warners End (Warners End)
25. Woodhall Farm Open Space (Woodhall Farm)
26. Durrants Lane (Apsley)
27. Jocketts (Chaulden)
28. Pennine Way (Highfield)
29. The Moor (Berkhamsted)
30. High Street Green (High Street Green)
31. Chipperfield Common (Chipperfield)

SCHEDULE 2

GROUNDS REFERRED TO IN CERTAIN BYELAWS

PART 1

OPENING TIMES (BYELAW 3)

Parks referred to in Schedule 1 are open at all times throughout the year.

The Walled Garden at Gadebridge Park (Hemel Town) is open from April to October (7am to 7pm) and November to March (7am to 5pm)

SCHEDULE 3

RULES FOR PLAYING BALL GAMES IN DESIGNATED AREAS (BYELAW 23)

Any person using a designated area for playing ball games is required by byelaw 23 to comply with the following rules:

- (1) No person shall play any game other than those ball games for which the designated area has been set aside.
- (2) No person shall obstruct any other person who is playing in accordance with these rules.
- (3) Where exclusive use of the designated area has been granted to a person or group of persons by the Council for a specified period, no other person shall play in that area during that period.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (5), where the designated area is already in use by any person, any other person wishing to play in that area must seek their permission to do so.
- (5) Except where they have been granted exclusive use of the designated area for more than two hours by the Council, any person using that area shall vacate it if they have played continuously for two hours or more and any other person wishes to use that area.
- (6) No person shall play in the designated area when a notice has been placed in a conspicuous position by the Council prohibiting play in that area.

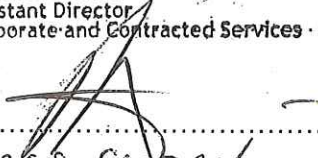
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These aforementioned Byelaws do hereby come into force on the 15th day of October 2021