

BYE-LAWS made by the Parish Council of MEOPHAM under Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 with respect to a Recreation Ground and Village Greens.

INTERPRETATION

1. In these byelaws:
"The Council" means the Parish Council of Meopham
"the ground" means the pleasure grounds listed in the attached schedule.
2. An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the ground by an officer of the Council, or any act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council, shall not be an offence under these byelaws.

3. WALLS, FENCES, etc.

No person shall in the ground without reasonable excuse:

- (i) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground or any tree or any barrier, railing, post or other erection;
- (ii) remove or displace any barrier, railing, post or seat or any part of any erection or ornament or any implement provided for the use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground.

4. CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS, etc.

No person shall except in pursuance of a lawful agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought into the ground any cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs or any beast of draught or burden.

5. VEHICLES

- (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride or drive a cycle, motor cycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled vehicle in the ground, or bring or cause to be brought into the ground any motor cycle, motor vehicle, trailer or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle), except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

- (2) If the Council has set apart a space in the ground for use by vehicles of any class, this byelaw shall not prevent the riding or driving of those vehicles in the space so set apart, or on a route, indicated by signs placed in conspicuous positions, between it and the entrance to the ground, provided that no such vehicle is ridden or driven at such a speed or in such a manner as to cause danger to other persons in the ground or without reasonable consideration for such persons.

- (3) This byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.

- (4) In this byelaw:

"cycle" means a bicycle, a tricycle, or a cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor cycle or motor vehicle;

"invalid carriage" means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms, the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres and which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of one person, being a person suffering from some physical defect or disability and is used solely by such a person;

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

"motor vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, intended or adapted for use on roads;

"trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes a caravan;

6. GAMES

Where the Council has set apart any such part of the ground as may be fixed by the Council, and may be described in a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the ground, for the purpose of any game specified in the notice board, which, by reason of the rules or manner of playing, or for the prevention of damage, danger, or discomfort to any person in the ground, may necessitate the exclusive use by the player or players of any space on such part of the ground—a person shall not in any space elsewhere on the ground play or take part in any game so specified in such a manner as to exclude persons not playing or taking part in the game from the use of such a space.

7. POST, RAIL, FENCE, etc.

No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building, or other structure in the ground.

8. NOISE

- (i) In the ground:

No person shall, after being requested to desist by any constable, or by any person annoyed or disturbed, or by any person acting on his behalf:

- (a) by shouting or singing; or
- (b) by playing on a musical instrument; or
- (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument;

cause or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to the other persons in the ground.

- (ii) Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to properly conducted religious services.

- (iii) Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held in pursuance of a lawful agreement with the Council.

9. OBSTRUCTION

No person shall in the ground:

- (a) intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
- (b) intentionally obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
- (c) intentionally obstruct any other person in the proper use of the ground, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

PENALTY FOR OFFENCES

10. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 2 on the Standard Scale.

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

12. REVOCATION OF BYELAWS

The byelaws relating to the grounds which were made by the Parish Council of Meopham on 2nd day of September, 1969, and confirmed by the Secretary of State on 28th November, 1969, are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

The "grounds" referred to in byelaw 1 are as follows:
Under Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906.

Meopham Green
Pitfield Green
Hook Green
Culverstone Green
Melliker Green
Priestwood Green
Harvel Green
Edmund Green
Under Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906.
Judsons Recreation Ground

The COMMON SEAL of MEOPHAM PARISH
COUNCIL WAS HEREUNTO AFFIXED THE
24th day of MARCH 1992
in the presence of

D. J. WALLIKER, Chairman

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the 7th day of September 1992.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

M. E. HEAD,

An Assistant Under-Secretary of State
Home Office, London, S.W.1.

7th August 1992