

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL
BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS
AND OPEN SPACES

ONYETTS FIELD, WARBOYS

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Byelaws made under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 the Parish Council of Warboys with respect to the land known as Onyetts Field, Warboys.

PART 1 GENERAL

General Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means Warboys Parish Council;

“the ground” means Onyetts Field situated east of Wilthorne and adjacent to the classified road A141 in Warboys.

“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 the land known as Onyetts Field situated east of Wilthorne and adjacent to the classified road A141 in the Parish of Warboys.

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.

PART 2

PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

Interpretation of Part 2

In this Part:

“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 they are 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 without the consent of the Council.

Gates

9. (1) No person shall leave open any gate to which this byelaw applies and which that person 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:
- (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 14(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

15. 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

16. No person shall without reasonable excuse bring into or drive in the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer except with the consent of the Council.

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;

“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.

Skateboarding, etc

17. No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles.

Ball games

18. No person shall play ball games in the ground.

Cricket

19. No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat.

Archery

20. No person shall engage in the sport of archery.

Field sports

21. No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot.

Golf

22. No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

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

23. No person shall without reasonable excuse bathe or swim in any waterway.

Ice skating

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

Model boats

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

Boats

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

Fishing

27. No person shall in any waterway cast a net or line for the purpose of catching fish or other animals except with the consent of the Council.

Blocking of watercourses

28. 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 unmanned 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

29. 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.

PART 7

OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Provision of services

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

Excessive noise

31. (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 31(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

32. 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

33. 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

34. 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

35. 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

36. 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

37. (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

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

Penalty

39. 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.