

WOOBURN PARISH COUNCIL

PLEASURE GROUNDS AND OPEN SPACES

Byelaws made by the Parish Council of Wooburn under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906, with respect to pleasure grounds and open spaces.

Interpretation

1. In these byelaws: “the Council” means the Parish Council of Wooburn;
“the ground” means each of the pleasure grounds and open spaces named in the Schedule to these byelaws.

Vehicles

2. 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 a 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.

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.

Grazing

3. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, turn out or permit any animal to graze in the ground.

Fires

4.
 - 1) No person shall in the ground intentionally light a fire, or place, throw or let fall a lighted match or any other thing so as to be likely to cause a fire.
 - 2) This byelaw shall not apply to any event held with the consent of the Council.

Removal of substances

5. No person shall remove from or displace in the ground any stone, soil or turf, or the whole or any part of any plant or tree.

Games

6. Where the Council has, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, set apart an area in the ground for the playing of such games as may be specified in the notice, no person shall:
 - a) play in such an area any game other than the game for which it has been set apart;
 - b) use any such area so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person already using that area for any purpose for which it has been set apart; or
 - c) play any game so specified in any other part of the ground in such a manner as to exclude any person not playing the game from the use of that part.
7. No person shall, in any area of the ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game, play any game when the state of the ground or other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is placed in a conspicuous position prohibiting play in that area of the ground.
8.
 - 1) No person shall in the ground play any game:
 - a) so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
 - b) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.
 - 2) This byelaw shall not extend to any area set apart by the Council for the playing of any game.

Golf

9. No person shall in the ground drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

Missiles

10. No person shall in the ground, to the danger or annoyance of any other person in the ground, throw or discharge any missile.

Erection of structures

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

Removal of structures

12. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, remove from or displace in the ground any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any structure or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground.

Protection of wildlife

13.
 - 1) No person shall in the ground intentionally kill, injure, take or disturb any animals or fish, or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing, or the setting of traps or nets, or the laying of snares.
 - 2) This byelaw shall not prohibit any fishing which may be authorised by the Council.

Noise

14.
 - 1) No person in the ground shall, after being requested to desist by an officer of the Council, or by any person annoyed or disturbed, or by any person acting on his behalf:
 - a) by shouting or singing;
 - 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 other persons in the ground.

2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Obstruction

15. 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.

Savings

16. 1) 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.
- 2) Nothing in or done under any of the provisions of 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 legally by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part thereof.

Removal of offenders

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

Penalty

18. 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.

SCHEDULE

BLIND LANE OPEN SPACE

Blind Lane, Bourne End, Bucks.

HOLTSPUR AVENUE OPEN SPACE

Holtspur Avenue, Wooburn Green, Bucks.

RECREATION GROUND

Recreation Ground, Bourne End Bucks.

SAPPERSFIELD

Harvest Hill, Wooburn Common, Bucks.

STATION ROAD OPEN SPACE (also known as Penny's Corner & Nags head Corner)

Station Road, Bourne End, Bucks.

THE GREEN

Wooburn Green, Bucks.

WATERY LANE OPEN SPACE/BARLEYFIELDS

Watery Lane, Wooburn, Bucks.

WOOBURN PARK

Wooburn Town, Wooburn, Bucks.

Signed Christine Marion Pow

Members of Wooburn

SEALED

Julia D. Langley

Parish Council

In the presence of Vanessa Margaret Pilon

Clerk to Wooburn Parish Council

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of state and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of August 1997.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

R.G. Evans
Head of Unit
Constitutional and Community Police Directorate
Home Office,
London, SW1

This copy of the byelaws is a true copy as confirmed by the Secretary of State.

SIGNED Vanessa Pilon.
Clerk of the Council
Wooburn Parish Council