

**Byelaws made by the Parish Council of Watton-at-Stone
under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875,
with respect to the Playing Field, Watton-at-Stone.**

Byelaw 1 **Interpretation**

In these byelaws: 'the Council' means the Parish Council of Watton-at-Stone in the County of Hertfordshire; ' the ground' means the Playing Field, School Lane, Watton-at-Stone.

Byelaw 2 **Opening Times**

On any day on which the ground is open to the public, no person shall enter it before the time, or enter or remain in it after the time, indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.

Byelaw 3 **Removal of Substances**

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

Byelaw 4 **Missiles**

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

Byelaw 5 **Golf**

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

Byelaw 6 **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 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, whether or not intended or adapted for use on roads, 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, whether or not intended or adapted for use on roads, not being an invalid carriage;

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

Byelaw 7 **Trading**

No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article.

Byelaw 8 **Protection of flower beds, trees, grass, etc.**

No person who brings or causes to be brought into the ground a vehicle shall wheel or park it over or upon:

- a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
- b) any part of the ground where the Council, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, prohibits its being wheeled or parked.

Byelaw 9 **Protection of flower beds, trees, grass, etc.**

No person shall in the ground enter upon:

- a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
- b) any part of the ground set aside for the renovation of grass or turf, where adequate notice to keep off such grass or turf is exhibited.

Byelaw 10 **Games**

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.

Byelaw 11 **Erection of Structures**

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.

Byelaw 12 **Fires**

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.

Byelaw 13 **Children's Play Apparatus**

No person who has attained the age of 14 years shall use any apparatus in the ground, which, by a notice placed on or near thereto, has been set apart by the Council for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years.

Byelaw 14 **Noise**

1. No person shall in the ground, 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 instrumentcause 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.

Byelaw 15 **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.

Byelaw 16 **Savings**

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.

Byelaw 17 **Removal of Offenders**

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

Byelaw 18 **Penalty**

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.

Byelaw 19**Revocation.**

The byelaws made by the Parish Council of Watton-at-Stone on 16th day of June 1993 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on 27th day of September 1993 relating to the ground are hereby revoked.

Given under our hands and seals this 16th day of November 1999

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Members of the Watton-at-Stone Parish Council