

Watton-at-Stone Parish Council

PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

Byelaws made by the Watton-at-Stone Parish Council under section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

"the Council" means Watton-at-Stone Parish Council;

"the ground" means any of the grounds listed in Schedule A to the byelaws.

Vehicles

2. (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride a cycle 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) These byelaws shall not extend to invalid carriages.

(3) In these byelaws:

"Cycle" means a unicycle, bicycle, a tricycle, or a cycle having four or more wheels, not in any case a motorcycle 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 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

Removal of structures

3. 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.

Erection of structures

4. 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.

Camping

5. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, erect a tent or use any vehicle, including a caravan, or any other structure for the purpose of camping, except in any area which may be set apart and indicated by notice as a place where camping is permitted.

Fires

- 6.
- (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) Byelaw 6 (1) shall not apply to any event held with the consent of the Council.
 - (3) Byelaw 6 (1) shall not prevent the lighting or use of a properly constructed camping stove or cooker or barbecue in any area set aside for the purpose, in such a manner as not to cause danger of or damage by fire.

Noise

- 7.
- (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 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

8. 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

- 9.
- (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

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

Penalty

11. 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.

