

BYELAWS

THE MOOR & ODNEY COMMON, COOKHAM.

The Commons Act, 1899.

We, the Rural District Council of Cookham in the County of Berks, acting under the authority of the Commons Act, 1899, and of every other power enabling us in that behalf.

Do hereby make the following Bye-laws for the prevention of nuisances and the preservation of order on The Moor and Odney Common, Cookham.

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(1). Throughout these Byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Rural District Council of Cookham, or (in the event of the power of carrying out these Byelaws being at any time hereafter delegated by the said Rural District Council to the Parish Council of the Parish of Cookham the said Parish Council) in the County of Berks, and the expression "the Common" means the pieces of land with the ponds, streams, paths and roads thereon commonly known as The Moor and Odney Common, Cookham, situate in the Parish of Cookham in the County of Berks and referred to as "the Common" in the scheme approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Commons Act, 1899, on the 27th day of July, 1923.

(2). A person shall not deposit on any part of the Common road-sand, materials for the repair of the roads, dung, rubbish, wood or other matter, and shall not without lawful authority dig, cut or take any turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay or other substance on or from the Common, and shall not, without lawful authority, cut, fell or carelessly or negligently injure any gorse, heather, timber or other tree, shrub, brushwood or other plant growing on the Common.

(3). A person shall not wilfully or improperly remove any notice board put up or maintained by the Council on the Common.

(4). A person shall not wilfully, carelessly or negligently remove or in any way carelessly or negligently injure any seat, fence or other thing put up or maintained by the Council on the Common.

(5). A person other than an officer of the Council or a person acting in pursuance of their directions in that behalf, shall not paint or post any bill, placard or notice to or upon any fence on the Common or to or upon any tree thereon.

(6). A person shall not, without lawful authority, catch any bird, set any trap or net or lay any snare for birds or other animals or take any egg or nest of birds or shoot or chase game or other animals upon any part of the Common.

(7). A person shall not light any fire on the Common or without lawful authority, draw, drive, or cause to be drawn or driven any carriage, cart, truck, caravan or other vehicle thereon other than a wheeled chair drawn or propelled by hand, or a perambulator or chaise drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or of an invalid.

(8). A person shall not erect or permit to remain on the Common without the consent of the Council or other lawful authority any building, shed, tent, post or other structure whether used in connection with the playing of games or not.

(9). A person shall not, without having a legal right of shooting on the Common, fire or discharge any fire-arm thereon.

(10). Where the Council shall have set apart any portion of the Common as may be defined or described in a notice which shall be affixed or set up in some conspicuous position on the Common for any game specified in the notice, which, by reason of the rules or manner of playing, or for the prevention of damage, danger or discomfort to any person on the Common may necessitate, at any time during the continuance of the game, the exclusive use by the player or players of any space in such portion of the Common, a person shall not in any space elsewhere on the Common 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 space.

(11). A person who shall play cricket, football or any other game on the Common, shall use reasonable and proper care to prevent undue interference with the reasonable and proper use of the Common by other persons.

(12). A person shall not on the Common use to the annoyance of any other person any indecent or obscene language.

(13). A person shall not bathe in any water on the Common except from any bathing place which shall be defined or described in a notice which shall be affixed or set up in some conspicuous position at or near to such place.

(14). Every person who may bathe in any water on the Common shall at all times, while bathing, wear a suitable and sufficient dress or covering to prevent indecent exposure of the person.

(15). A groom or other person shall not, without lawful authority, exercise or break-in a horse upon the Common.

(16). A person, shall not, without lawful authority turn out or permit to remain on the Common any cattle, sheep or other animals.

(17). A person shall not in any part of the Common wilfully obstruct, or hinder any officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under the Scheme herein-before referred to or under these Byelaws.

(18). Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable for each such offence to a penalty of Five pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of Forty shillings for each day after written notice of the offence from the Council.

Provided nevertheless, that the Court of Summary Jurisdiction before whom any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence, may if the Court think fit, adjudge the payment of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by the Byelaw.

(19). Any officer of the Council may remove from the Common any vehicle drawn upon the Common, any structure erected thereon, anything placed thereon, and any cattle, sheep or other animal being thereon, in contravention of these Byelaws.

(20). Any officer of the Council may after due warning remove or exclude from the Common any person who within his view commits, or whom he reasonably suspects of committing, an offence against any of these Byelaws or against the Vagrancy Act, 1824.

The Common Seal of the Cookham Rural District Council was hereunto affixed in pursuance of a resolution passed at a Meeting duly convened and held on the Ninth day of January, 1924, in the presence of

WM. WEALL, Chairman.

T. W. STUCHBERY, Clerk to the Council

The Seal
of the
Cookham
Rural
District
Council.

Allowed by the Ministry of Health,
this Thirteenth day of February, 1924.

I. G. GIBBON,

Assistant Secretary,

Ministry of Health.

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Ministry
of Health.