

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SEVENOAKS

COMMONS ACT, 1899. BYE-LAWS

BYELAWS

made by the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks relating to Seal Chart, Fawke Common, Bitchet Common, Bitchet Green and Lands at Blake's Green and Stone Street in the Parish of Seal, Wicket Common and Common land adjoining Oak Lane, and other Common lands in the neighbourhood thereof, and Common lands at the sides of the public road adjoining Bayley's Hill and Pitfield Wood in the Parish of Sevenoaks Weald, Kent.

1. In the construction of these Byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks; the expression "the Common" means the pieces of land, with the paths and roads thereon, commonly known as Seal Chart, Fawke Common, Bitchet Common, Bitchet Green and Lands at Blake's Green and Stone Street in the Parish of Seal; Wicket Common and Common land adjoining Oak Lane, and other Common lands in the neighbourhood thereof, and Common lands at the sides of the public road adjoining Bayley's Hill and Pitfield Wood in the Parish of Sevenoaks Weald in the county of Kent and referred to as "the Commons" in the scheme for the regulation and management of such Common, approved under the Commons Act, 1899 on the sixth day of October, 1925, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries; and the expression "the Scheme" means the Scheme for the regulation and management of the Common hereinbefore referred to.

2. A person shall not, on any part of the common, deposit any road-sand, dung, rubbish, wood, or any other matter whatsoever, except materials for the repair of the roads.

3. A person shall not, without lawful authority, dig, cut, or take any turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay, or other substance on or from the common, or cut, fell, or carelessly or negligently injure any gorse, heather, timber or other tree, shrub, brush-wood or other plant growing thereon.

4. A person shall not deface or remove or carelessly or negligently injure any seat, fence, or notice-board, or any other thing put up or maintained by the Council on the common.

5. A person shall not disfigure any fence, tree, or notice board on the common by the posting or painting thereon of any bill, placard, advertisement or notice.

6. A person shall not, without lawful authority, set any trap, or net, or lay any snare of any description whatsoever for birds or animals, or take any birds' eggs or nests, or shoot or chase game or other animals on the common.

7. A person shall not, without lawful authority, upon the common, place any carriage, cart, caravan, truck or other vehicle, or erect or permit to remain on the common, without the consent of the Council or other lawful authority, any building, shed, tent, fence, post, railing, or other structure, whether used in connection with the playing of games or not, and it shall be lawful for any officer of the Council to remove from the common any vehicle drawn upon the common, and any structure erected thereon in contravention of this Byelaw.

8. A person shall not, except in the case of a fair, lawfully held, place on the common any photographic cart or any show, exhibition, swing, roundabout, or other like thing, and it shall be lawful for any officer of the Council to remove from the com-

(a) He shall, in making preparation for the playing of such game and in the manner of playing, use reasonable and proper care to prevent undue interference with the reasonable and proper use of any space by any other person engaged in making preparation for playing or in playing therein, or thereafter resorting to such space for the purpose of making preparation for playing or of playing therein:

(b) He shall not at any time in any part of a space which is already occupied by any other players begin to play without the permission of such other players:

(c) Except in any case where the exclusive use of any space may have been granted by the Council for the playing of any match, of which the occasion and character shall be such as to render expedient an extension of the time hereinafter specified, a player or company of players shall not, in making preparation for playing and in playing any game, use any part of such space for a longer time than two hours continuously, if, at the expiration of that time, any other player or company of players for whose use no other part of the common may be available, shall make known to such first-mentioned player or company of players an intention to use, for the purpose of playing such space as shall have been previously used by such players or company of players.

13. A groom or other person shall not, without lawful authority, exercise or break in any horse on the common.

14. A person shall not do any act tending to the injury or disfigurement of the common, or interfere with the use thereof by the public for the purpose of exercise and recreation.

15. A person shall not hinder or obstruct an officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under the Scheme, or under any of the foregoing Byelaws made thereunder.

PENALTIES.

16. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of Forty Shillings.

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 as a penalty of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this Byelaw.

17. It shall be lawful for any officer of the Council, after due warning, to 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 the foregoing Byelaws, or against the Vagrancy Act, 1824.

Made by the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks at a Meeting of the said Council held on the Twentieth day of October, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-seven, whereat the Common Seal of the said Council was hereunto affixed in the presence of:—

C. E. PYM,

(1) After the words "Parish of Sevenoaks Weald" in the preamble to the byelaws of 1927 there shall be inserted the words "and Crockham Hill Common, Farley Common and Hosey Common in the Parish of Westerham."

(2) In Byelaw 1 of the Byelaws of 1927 after the words "Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries" there shall be inserted the words "and the pieces of land with the ponds, paths and roads thereon, situate in the Parish of Westerham in the County of Kent, that is to say:—Crockham Hill Common, Farley Common and Hosey Common and referred to as "the Commons" in the Supplemental Scheme for the Regulation and Management of such Commons approved under the said Commons Act, 1899 by the Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food on the 29th day of May 1963" and after the words "means the Scheme for the regulation and management of the Common" there shall be inserted the words "and the Supplemental Scheme."

(3) Byelaw 2 of the Byelaws of 1927 is hereby repealed and the following byelaw substituted therefor:—"A person shall not, without lawful authority, deposit on the Common any road-sand, materials for the repair of roads or wood."

The Common Seal of the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks was hereunto affixed at a Meeting of the said Council held this Eighteenth day of July, 1963 in the presence of:

J. STEVEN,

Chairman of the Council.

E. C. COX,

Deputy Clerk to the Council.

The Secretary of State this day confirmed the foregoing byelaw and fixed the date on which it is to come into operation as 1st day of October, 1963.

Home Office, Whitehall.

30th August, 1963.

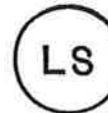
R. J. GUPPY,

An Assistant Under Secretary of State.

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made by the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks under Clause 9 of the Scheme for the Regulation and Management of certain Commons in the Rural District approved under the Commons Act, 1899 on the 6th day of October, 1925 by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries as amended by a Supplemental Scheme approved by the Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food on the 29th day of May, 1963.

The Byelaws made by the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks for the parishes of Seal and Sevenoaks Weald in the Rural District of Sevenoaks on the 20th day of October, 1927 and allowed by the Minister of Health on the 13th day of December, 1927 as amended and extended by the Byelaws made by the said Rural District Council on the 18th day of July, 1963 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 30th day of August,



and referred to as the Commons in the scheme for the regulation and management of such Common, approved under the Commons Act, 1899 on the sixth day of October, 1925, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries; and the expression "the Scheme" means the Scheme for the regulation and management of the Common hereinbefore referred to.

2. A person shall not, on any part of the common, deposit any road-sand, dung, rubbish, wood, or any other matter whatsoever, except materials for the repair of the roads.

3. A person shall not, without lawful authority, dig, cut, or take any turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay, or other substance on or from the common, or cut, fell, or carelessly or negligently injure any gorse, heather, timber or other tree, shrub, brush-wood or other plant growing thereon.

4. A person shall not deface or remove or carelessly or negligently injure any seat, fence, or notice-board, or any other thing put up or maintained by the Council on the common.

5. A person shall not disfigure any fence, tree, or notice board on the common by the posting or painting thereon of any bill, placard, advertisement or notice.

6. A person shall not, without lawful authority, set any trap, or net, or lay any snare of any description whatsoever for birds or animals, or take any birds' eggs or nests, or shoot or chase game or other animals on the common.

7. A person shall not, without lawful authority, upon the common, place any carriage, cart, caravan, truck or other vehicle, or erect or permit to remain on the common, without the consent of the Council or other lawful authority, any building, shed, tent, fence, post, railing, or other structure, whether used in connection with the playing of games or not, and it shall be lawful for any officer of the Council to remove from the common any vehicle drawn upon the common, and any structure erected thereon in contravention of this Byelaw.

8. A person shall not, except in the case of a fair, lawfully held, place on the common any photographic cart or any show, exhibition, swing, roundabout, or other like thing, and it shall be lawful for any officer of the Council to remove from the common anything placed thereon in contravention of this Byelaw.

9. A person, not having a legal right of shooting on the common, shall not fire or discharge any firearms, or wilfully, carelessly, or negligently throw or discharge any missile thereon to the damage or danger of any person.

10. A person shall not, without lawful authority, turn out or permit to remain on the common any cattle, sheep, or other animals, and it shall be lawful for any officer of the Council to remove from the common any cattle, sheep, or other animals being thereon in contravention of this Byelaw.

11. Where the Council shall have set apart any portion or portions of the common as may be defined or described in a notice or notices which shall be affixed or set up in some conspicuous position or positions on the common for any game of football, quoits, bowls, hockey, cricket, or any other game which, by the 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 on the common, a person shall not use for the purpose of playing any such game any part of the common which is not comprised in any such portion.

12. Every person resorting to the common for the purpose of playing or taking part in any game of football, quoits, bowls, hockey, cricket, or any other game shall comply with the following regulations:—

more than two hours continuously, if, at the expiration of that time, any other player or company of players for whose use no other part of the common may be available, shall make known to such first-mentioned player or company of players an intention to use, for the purpose of playing such space as shall have been previously used by such players or company of players.

13. A groom or other person shall not, without lawful authority, exercise or break in any horse on the common.

14. A person shall not do any act tending to the injury or disfigurement of the common, or interfere with the use thereof by the public for the purpose of exercise and recreation.

15. A person shall not hinder or obstruct an officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under the Scheme, or under any of the foregoing Byelaws made thereunder.

PENALTIES.

16. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of Forty Shillings.

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 as a penalty of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this Byelaw.

17. It shall be lawful for any officer of the Council, after due warning, to 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 the foregoing Byelaws, or against the Vagrancy Act, 1824.

Made by the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks at a Meeting of the said Council held on the Twentieth day of October, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-seven, whereat the Common Seal of the said Council was hereunto affixed in the presence of:—

C. E. PYM,
Chairman.

JOHN MUDD,
Clerk.

Allowed by the Minister of Health this thirteenth day of December, 1927.

E. H. RHODES,
Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Health.

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made by the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks under Clause 9 of the Scheme for the Regulation and Management of certain Commons in the Rural District approved under the Commons Act, 1899 on the 6th day of October, 1925 by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries as amended by a Supplemental Scheme to amend the said Scheme approved by the Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food on the 29th day of May 1963.

The Byelaws made by the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks for the Parishes of Seal and Sevenoaks Weald in the Rural District of Sevenoaks on the 20th day of October 1927 and allowed by the Minister of Health on the 13th day of December 1927 (hereinafter called 'the Byelaws of 1927') shall be amended and extended as hereinafter provided, that is to say:—

(3) Byelaw 2 of the Byelaws of 1927 is hereby repealed and the following byelaw substituted therefor:—"A person shall not, without lawful authority, deposit on the Common any road-sand, materials for the repair of roads or wood."

The Common Seal of the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks was hereunto affixed at a Meeting of the said Council held this Eighteenth day of July, 1963 in the presence of:

J. STEVEN,
Chairman of the Council.

E. C. COX,
Deputy Clerk to the Council.

The Secretary of State this day confirmed the foregoing byelaw and fixed the date on which it is to come into operation as 1st day of October, 1963.

Home Office, Whitehall.
30th August, 1963.

R. J. GUPPY,
An Assistant Under Secretary of State.

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made by the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks under Clause 9 of the Scheme for the Regulation and Management of certain Commons in the Rural District approved under the Commons Act, 1899 on the 6th day of October, 1925 by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries as amended by a Supplemental Scheme approved by the Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food on the 29th day of May, 1963.

The Byelaws made by the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks for the parishes of Seal and Sevenoaks Weald in the Rural District of Sevenoaks on the 20th day of October, 1927 and allowed by the Minister of Health on the 13th day of December, 1927 as amended and extended by the Byelaws made by the said Rural District Council on the 18th day of July, 1963 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 30th day of August, 1963, are hereby amended as follows:—

Byelaw No. 16 is hereby repealed and the following byelaw substituted therefor:—

"16. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds."

The Common Seal of the Rural District Council of Sevenoaks was hereunto affixed at a Meeting of the said Council held this Twentyfirst day of October, 1965 in the presence of:

R. N. MARCHANT,
Chairman of the Council.

B. H. EDWARDS,
Clerk to the Council.

The Secretary of State this day confirmed the foregoing byelaw and fixed the date on which it is to come into operation as the first day of March, 1966.

Whitehall.
28th January, 1966.

R. J. GUPPY,
An Assistant Under Secretary of State.