

## **BALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS & OPEN SPACES**

Byelaws made by the Council of **BALDERTON** under (Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and/or sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906) with respect to Lakeside and immediate surrounds.

#### **Interpretation**

1. In these bylaws:

“the Council” means **Balderton Parish Council**

“the grounds” means the lake and surrounds in the Lakeside housing development

#### **Opening Times**

2. The grounds shall be open at all times except where all/part may be temporarily closed by the Council for a specific purpose.

#### **Vehicles**

3. (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 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.

### **Climbing**

4. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

### **Removal of Structure**

5. 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**

6. 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.

### **Trading**

7. 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.

### **Grazing**

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

### **Horses**

- 8a. No person shall take or allow a horse in the ground except to gain direct access between the nearest highway and the adjacent disused railway at the two access points identified. The rider shall be dismounted at all times when in the ground.

### **Protection of flower beds, trees, grass, etc**

9. 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.

10. No person shall in the grounds 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 of such grass or turf is exhibited.
  - (c) Protection of wildlife:
    - (1) No person shall in the ground intentionally kill, injure, take or disturb any animal 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.

### **Games**

11. 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 games other than the game for which is 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 games 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.
12. 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.
13. (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.

### **Bathing and pollution of water; fires, boats**

14. No person shall in the ground:

- (a) Bathe, wade or wash in the lake or adjoining drainage dyke, stream; or
- (b) intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any such water,
- (c) 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. This byelaw shall not prevent the lighting of a properly constructed camping stove or cooker in any area set aside for the purpose, in such a manner as not to cause danger of, or damage by fire
- (d) place on any ornamental lake, pond, stream or other water, any boat other than a model yacht or toy boat in pursuance of an agreement with 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 of 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.