

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1894.

OPEN SPACES.

BYELAWS*

Made by the Parish Council of the Parish of Chevening in the County of Kent, with respect to the OPEN SPACES known as Chipstead Common, Bessels Green and Little Bessels Green in the parish of Chevening.

1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Parish Council of the parish of Chevening, in the County of Kent, and the expression "the pleasure grounds" means the Open Spaces, known as Chipstead Common, Bessels Green and Little Bessels Green.

NOTICE BOARDS.

2. A person shall not wilfully or improperly remove or displace any board, plate, or tablet, or any support, fastening, or fitting of any board, plate, or tablet used or constructed or adapted to be used for the exhibition of any byelaw or notice, and fixed or set up by the Council in any part of the pleasure grounds, or in or on any building or structure therein.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

3. A person shall not wilfully, carelessly, or negligently remove or displace any barrier, railing, or post, or any fixed or movable seat, or any part of any building, structure, or erection, or any monument, work of art, ornament, or decoration, or any implement, utensil, apparatus, appliance, or article provided for use or used or adapted to be used in the laying out, planting, improvement, or maintenance of the pleasure grounds, or in the care, cultivation, or protection of any tree, sapling, shrub, underwood, gorse, or other plant in the pleasure grounds.

HORSES AND CATTLE.

4. A person shall not cause or suffer any horse, pony, mule or ass, or any bull, ox, cow, heifer, steer, calf, sheep, lamb, goat, hog, pig or sow belonging to him or in his charge to enter or go upon any part of the pleasure grounds, unless in pursuance of an agreement with the Council or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege.

CARTS AND VEHICLES.

5. A person shall not at any time drive or wheel, or cause or suffer to be driven or wheeled into the pleasure grounds any cart, barrow, truck, or machine, or any vehicle other than a wheeled chair, perambulator, chaise, bicycle or tricycle drawn or propelled by hand except upon a track made or set apart by the Council as a cartway.

POSTING NOTICES.

6. A person, other than an officer of the Council, or a person acting in pursuance of their directions in that behalf, shall not affix or post any bill, placard, or notice to or upon any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure grounds, or to or upon any tree, or other plant, or to or upon any part of any building, barrier, or railing, or of any fixed or movable seat, or of any other structure or erection in the pleasure grounds.

* The subheadings do not form part of the byelaws.

FILTH AND REFUSE.

7. A person shall not wilfully, carelessly, or negligently soil or defile any part of any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure grounds, or any part of any building, barrier, or railing, or of any fixed or movable seat, or of any monument, work of art, ornament, or decoration, or of any other structure or erection in the pleasure grounds, or wilfully, carelessly, or negligently throw or deposit any filth, rubbish, or refuse, or cause or suffer any filth, rubbish, or refuse to fall or to be thrown or deposited upon any part of the pleasure grounds.

DESTRUCTION OF BIRDS.

8. A person shall not, in any part of the pleasure grounds, take, injure, or destroy any bird, or any bird's nest, or spread or use any net, or set or use any snare or other engine, instrument, or means for the taking, injury, or destruction of any bird.

DOGS.

9. A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the pleasure grounds, unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control.

CRICKET, FOOTBALL, &c.

10. Every person resorting to the pleasure grounds for the purpose of playing or taking part in any game of football, quoits, bowls, hockey, cricket, or any other game which, by reason of the rules or manner of playing, or for the prevention of damage, danger, or discomfort to any person in the pleasure grounds, may necessitate, at any time during the continuance of the game, the exclusive use by the player or players of any space in the pleasure grounds, shall comply with the following regulations:—

- (1.) 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:
- (2.) He shall not at any time in any part of a space which is already occupied by other players begin to play without the permission of such other players:
- (3.) 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 pleasure grounds 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 player or company of players.

INTERFERENCE WITH PERSONS.

11. A person shall not interfere with any player or players in the proper use of any portion of the pleasure grounds for the purposes of any game or any portion thereof duly set apart by the Council for the playing of such game, or interfere with or interrupt, or disturb, any person in the proper and lawful use of the pleasure grounds.

BEATING CARPETS.

12. A person shall not, in any part of the pleasure grounds, beat, shake, sweep, brush, or cleanse any carpet, drugget, rug, or mat, or any other fabric retaining dust or dirt, and shall not, in any part of the pleasure grounds, hang, spread, or deposit any linen or other fabric for the purpose of drying or bleaching.

SELLING COMMODITIES.

13. A person shall not, in any part of the pleasure grounds, sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article, unless, in pursuance of an agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, such person may be duly authorised to sell or let to hire in the pleasure grounds such commodity or article.

PENALTIES.

14. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of five pounds :

Provided, nevertheless, that the justices or court before whom any complaint may be made or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment, as a penalty, of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this byelaw.

REMOVAL OF OFFENDERS.

15. Every person who shall infringe any byelaw for the regulation of the pleasure grounds may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Council, or by any constable, in any one of the several cases hereinafter specified ; that is to say,—

- (i.) Where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and the name and residence of the person infringing the byelaw are unknown to and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or constable :
- (ii.) Where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and from the nature of such infraction, or from any other fact of which such officer or constable may have knowledge, or of which he may be credibly informed there may be reasonable ground for belief that the continuance in the pleasure grounds of the person infringing the byelaw may result in another infraction of a byelaw, or that the removal of such person from the pleasure grounds is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

At a meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Chevening, held this Twentieth day of September, 1917, the foregoing byelaws are hereby made by the said Council under the hands and seals of

W. BURFOOT,
Presiding Chairman.



H. SEYMOUR KING, }
A. T. BEVAN, } *Members of the Parish Council.*



Allowed by the Local Government Board this first day of October, 1917.

H. C. MONRO,
Secretary,

Acting on behalf of the said Board under the authority of their General Order dated the twenty-sixth day of May, 1877.