

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

Byelaws made by the Leighton-Linslade Town Council under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and sections 12 and 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 Leighton-Linslade Town Council;

"the ground" means any of the grounds listed in the schedule to these byelaws.

Vehicles

2. (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 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 the 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.

Overnight Parking

3. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, leave or cause or permit to be left any vehicle in the ground between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m.

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 Structures

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.

Camping

7. 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.

Children's Play Areas

8. (1) No person who has attained the age of 14 years shall enter or remain in the children's play area in any of the grounds listed in the Schedule to these byelaws.
(2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person who is bona fide in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.

Children's Play Apparatus

9. No person who has attained the age of 14 years shall use any apparatus in the ground which, by a notice placed on or near thereto, has been set apart by the Council for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years.

Ball Games

10. No person shall play or take part in any ball game in the ornamental garden at Linslade Memorial Playing Fields.

Trading

11. 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; or provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

Grazing

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

Protection of Flower Beds, Trees, Grass, etc.

13. 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.
14. No person shall in the ground 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 off such grass or turf is exhibited.

Removal of Substances

15. No person shall remove from or displace in the ground any stone, soil or turf, or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.

Games

16. 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 game other than the game for which it 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 game 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;
 - (d) when the area is already occupied by other players begin to play thereon without their permission;
 - (e) where the exclusive use of the area has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match, play on that area later than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the beginning of the match unless taking part therein; or
 - (f) except where the exclusive use of the area has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match in which he is taking part, use the area for a longer time than two hours continuously, if any other player or players make known to him a wish to use the area.
17. 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.
18. (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.

Archery

19. No person shall in the ground, except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council, engage in the sport of archery.

Field Sports

20. No person shall in the ground, except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council, engage in the sport of javelin or discus throwing or shot-putting.

Golf

21. No person shall in the ground drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

Cricket

22. No person shall use any cricket ball, except in any part of the ground which, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, has been set aside as an area where a cricket ball may be used.

Skateboarding and Roller Skating

23. No person shall in the ground skate on rollers, skateboards, wheels or other mechanical contrivances in such a manner as to cause danger or nuisance or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

Missiles

24. No person shall in the ground, to the danger or annoyance of any other person in the ground, throw or discharge any missile.

Waterways

25. No person shall:

Pollution of Waterways

- (a) intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any waterway comprised in the ground;

Watercourses

- (b) no person shall knowingly cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed or diverted, or open, shut or otherwise work or operate any sluice or similar apparatus in the ground.

Aircraft

26. No person shall, except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council, take off from or land in the ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang-glider or hot-air balloon.

Power-driven Model Aircraft

27. In byelaw 28:

"model aircraft" means an aircraft which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel.

"power-driven" means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible vapour or other combustible substances or by one or more electric motors or by compressed gas:

"radio-controlled" means controlled by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.

28. No person shall:

- (a) in the ground release any power-driven model aircraft for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft; or
- (b) cause any such aircraft to take off or land in the ground,

unless it is attached to a control line, or radio-controlled and kept under effective control.

Kites

29. No person shall in the ground fly or cause or permit to be flown any kite in such a manner as to cause a danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person in the ground.

Metal Detectors

30. (1) No person shall on the land use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.
- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to Vimy Road Riverbank.

Fires

31. (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) This byelaw shall not apply to any event held with the consent of the Council.

(3) This byelaw 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

32. (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.

Public Shows, Exhibitions and Structures

33. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, place or take part in any show or exhibition, or set up any swing, roundabout or other like thing.

Gates

34. Where the Council indicates by a notice conspicuously exhibited on or alongside any gate in the ground that leaving that gate open is prohibited, no person having opened that gate or caused it to be opened, shall leave it open.

Obstruction

35. 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

36. (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

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

Penalty

38. 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.

Revocation

39. The byelaws made by Leighton-Linslade Town Council on 1st May 1979 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 18th July 1979 relating to the ground are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

The grounds referred to in byelaw 1 are as follows:

Adams Bottom, Leighton Buzzard

Alwins Field, Linslade

Derwent Road Open Space, Linslade

Leedon Open Space (Danes Field) Leighton Buzzard

Linslade Memorial Playing Fields and Gardens, Linslade

Linslade Park, Linslade

Lovent Drive Open Space, Leighton Buzzard

Marley Field Open Space, Leighton Buzzard

Mill Road Open Space, Leighton Buzzard

Pages Field, Leighton Buzzard

Pages Park, Leighton Buzzard

Parsons Close Recreation Ground, Leighton Buzzard

Vandyke Road Playing Fields, Leighton Buzzard

Vimy Road Riverbank, Linslade.

Weston Avenue/Lywood Road Open Space

Given under our hands and seals this 26th day of April, 1999.

(Signed).....

(Town Mayor)

(Signed).....

(Deputy Town Mayor)

Members of the Leighton-Linslade Town Council



BYELAWS

made by

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

in respect of various

RECREATION GROUNDS

and

OPEN SPACES

in

LEIGHTON BUZZARD AND LINSLADE

BEDFORDSHIRE