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1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Three Rivers District Council; the expression "the ground" except where inconsistent with the text, means each of the grounds named in the First Schedule to these byelaws.
2. An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the ground by an officer of the Council, or by any person or servant employed by the Council or by any person in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege shall not be deemed an offence against these byelaws.
3. A person shall not in the ground:-
 - (i) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently soil or defile any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground or any building, barrier, railing post or seat, or any erection or ornament;
 - (ii) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other erection;
 - (iii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently remove or displace any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any erection or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground;
 - (iv) wilfully, carelessly or negligently obstruct any ditches in or enclosing the ground.
4. A person shall not bring or cause to be brought into the ground any horse, pony, cattle, sheep, goats or pigs, unless in pursuance of an agreement with the Council or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, provided that where the Council set apart an area of the ground by notice conspicuously exhibited for the riding of horses or ponies, this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the leading of any horse or pony to the said area by an authorised route from the entrance to the ground.
5. (i) A person shall not, except in pursuance of an agreement with the Council or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, bring or cause to be brought into the ground any barrow, truck, machine or vehicle other than:-
 - (a) a wheeled bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine;
 - (b) a wheelchair, perambulator or chaise drawn or propelled by hand or used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid.
- (ii) A person shall not except in pursuance of any lawful right or privilege ride any bicycle, tricycle or similar machine in the ground.

Provided that where the Council set apart an area in the ground for the use of vehicles, bicycles or other machines paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving, riding or wheeling in or to that area by an authorised route from the entrance to the ground of a vehicle or machine of the class for which it is set apart.

6. A person who brings a vehicle or machine into the ground shall not wheel or station it over or upon:-
 - (i) any flowerbed, shrub, or plant, or any soil in course of preparation as a flowerbed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant;
 - (ii) any part of the ground where the Council by a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the ground prohibit its being wheeled or stationed.
7. A person shall not affix any bill, placard, or notice to or upon any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or to or upon any tree, or plant, or to or upon any part of any building, barrier or railing, or of any seat or of any other erection or ornament in the ground.
8. A person shall not in the ground walk, run, stand, sit or lie upon:-
 - (i) any grass, turf, or other place where adequate notice to keep off such grass, turf, or other place shall be placed;
 - (ii) any flowerbed, shrub, or plant, or any soil in course of preparation as a flowerbed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant.
9. A person shall not, except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege have in his possession in the ground any firearm unless it is so covered at all times, with a securely fastened gun cover that it cannot be fired.

In this byelaw the expression "firearm" means any lethal barrelled weapon of any description from which, any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged.

This byelaw shall apply to all parts of the ground except any part thereof which is a public right of way.

10. A person shall not in any ornamental lake, pond, stream or any other water in the ground:-
 - (i) bathe, wade or wash;

Provided that this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit bathing or wading in any water which may be set apart by the Council for this purpose and indicated by a notice affixed in a conspicuous position near such water;
 - (ii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently foul or pollute any such water;
 - (iii) row, sail or otherwise use any inflatable mattress, dinghy or similar craft or any powered craft in any water except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege or with the consent of the Council.

11. A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the ground unless such a dog be and continue to be under proper control and be effectively restrained:-
 - (i) from causing annoyance to any persons;
 - (ii) from worrying or disturbing any animal or waterfowl;
 - (iii) from entering any lake, pond or stream, or any paddling, swimming or boating pool or other water or any sandpit or enclosure set apart for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 and persons having care and control of such persons.
12. A person who has attained the age of 14 years shall not play or take part in any games in an area which by notice affixed on or near thereto has been set apart for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years. Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person who, being bona fide in charge of a child under the age of 14 years plays or takes part in any game with that child.
13. A person who has attained the age of 14 years shall not use any equipment provided in the ground which by a notice affixed or set up near thereto has been set apart by the Council for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years, provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person who, being bona fide in charge of a child under the age of 14 years plays or takes part in any game with that child.
14. Where the Council set apart any such area of the ground as may be fixed by the Council and described in a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the ground, for the purpose of any game specified on the notice board, which, by reason of the rules of manner of playing or for the prevention of damage, danger or discomfort to any person in the ground may necessitate, at any time during the continuance of the game, the exclusive use by the player or players of any space in such area of the ground - a person shall not in any space elsewhere in the ground 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.
15. Every person resorting to the ground and playing or taking part in any game shall:-
 - (i) not play on an area in the ground set apart exclusively for the playing of any game other than the game for which it is set apart;
 - (ii) in preparing for playing and in playing, use reasonable care to prevent undue interference with the proper use of the ground by other persons;
 - (iii) when the area is already occupied by other players not begin to play thereon without their permission;
 - (iv) where the exclusive use of the area has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match, not play on the area later than a quarter of an hour before the fixed time for the beginning of the match unless that person is taking part therein;
 - (v) 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, not 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.

- (vi) where the Council charge a fee for the use of any part of the ground for tennis, putting, bowling or any other game or sport a person shall not commence to play until he has purchased a ticket entitling him to play, which ticket shall be retained and shown on demand to any authorised officer of the Council.
16. A person shall not in any area of the ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game(s) play or take part in the game(s) when the state of the ground or other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is set up in some conspicuous position prohibiting playing in that area of the open space;
17. A person shall not in the ground:-
- (i) except as hereinafter provided erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure.
- Provided that this prohibition shall not apply where upon an application to the Council they grant permission to erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure, upon such occasion and for such purposes as are specified in the application;
- (ii) 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 a written agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, he is authorised to sell or let to hire in the ground such commodity or article.
18. A person shall not in the ground wilfully obstruct, disturb, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the ground, or wilfully obstruct, or disturb, any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duty, or any person or servant of any person employed by the Council in the proper execution of his duty.
19. A person shall not kill, molest or wilfully disturb any animal, bird or fish or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing or the setting of traps or nets or the laying of snares. Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any fishing which may be authorised by the Council.
20. No person operating or causing or suffering to be operated any wireless set, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument shall make or cause or suffer 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.
21. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of fifty pounds.
22. Every person who shall infringe any byelaw for the regulation of any ground specified in Part I - III of the Schedule hereto may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Council, or by a 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 cause for belief that the continuance in the ground of the person infringing the byelaw may result in another infraction of byelaw, or that the removal of such person from the ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

23. The byelaws with respect to Chorleywood House Estate made by the Urban District Council of Chorleywood on the Ninth day of April 1951 and confirmed by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on the First day of June 1951; and the byelaws with respect of Oxhey Playing Fields made by the Rural District Council of Watford on the First day of May 1962 and confirmed by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on the Second day of July 1962; and the byelaws with respect to The Green, Croxley Green made by the Three Rivers District Council on the Twenty-fifth day of July 1975 and confirmed by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on the Tenth day of February 1976 are hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE 1

Part I

Grounds for which Byelaws are made under Section 164 Public Health Act 1895

Abbots Langley Open Space
Basing Gardens
Bury Meadows
Common Moor (Part)
Ebury Recreation Ground
Fortune Common
King George V Playing Field (Part)
Rickmansworth Public Golf Course
Scotsbridge Playing Field
The Mead Open Space
Tudor Gardens

Part II

Ground for which Byelaws are made under Section 15 Open Spaces Act 1906

Tanners Wood

Part III

Grounds for which Byelaws are made under Sections 12 and 15 Open Spaces Act 1906

Anthony Close Open Space
Aquadrome
Baldwins Lane Playing Field
Barton Way Playing Field
Batchworth Heath
Beechen Wood
Cassiobridge Recreation Ground
Common Moor (Part)
Coombe Hill Road Open Space
The Green, Croxley Green
Croxley Hall Woods

Eastbury Farm Playing Field
Highfield Way Open Space (North)
Highfield Way Open Space (South)
Romilly Drive Open Space
Hornhill Road/Chalfont Road Open Space
Hornhill Road (South) Open Space
King George V Playing Field (Part)
Matlock Crescent Recreation Ground
Oulton Way Recreation Ground
Oxhey Playing Fields
Oxhey Social Centre Open Space
Rickmansworth Park
South Oxhey Open Space
The Swillett Playing Field
West Hyde and Maple Cross Playing Field

Part IV

Grounds for which Byelaws are made under Section 17 Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Act 1938

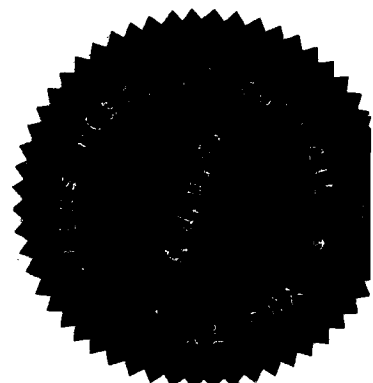
Bishops Wood
Chorleywood House Grounds
Greenbroom Spring Woodland
Pheasants Wood
Shepherds Close Wood
Solomon's Wood
The Grove Wood

THE COMMON SEAL of THREE RIVERS)
DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereunto)
affixed this Twenty-fourth)
day of October 1980)
in the presence of:-)

M. G. Colman

Councillor appointed to have custody
of one of the Keys of the Seal

A. G. ...
Chief Executive



SR 1771

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the first day of February 1981.



(G. I. de Deney)
An Assistant Under Secretary
of State

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State

Home Office
LONDON SW1

15 January 1981