

TILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

Byelaw made under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 by Tilsworth Parish Council with respect to the Stanbridge & Tilsworth Recreation Ground

PART 1 GENERAL

General interpretation

In these byelaws:

the expression “the relevant authority” means members of the Stanbridge & Tilsworth Community Association or their representatives who have responsibility for the management of the Hall and the Recreation Ground and all areas listed in Schedule 1

the expression “the Council” means Tilsworth Parish Council in Central Bedfordshire.

the expression “the ground” refers to all areas listed in Schedule 1

designated area means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose and as directed by the relevant authority

An act necessary to the proper execution of his or her duty on the ground by an officer of the relevant authority, the council or of any person employed by the aforementioned organisations, shall not be deemed an offence against these byelaws

Application

These byelaws apply to all of the areas listed in Schedule 1 unless otherwise stated

PART 2. PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, IT’S PLANTS, WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

Protection of Structures and Plants

A person shall not wilfully, carelessly or negligently remove, soil, defile, graffiti or cause damage to any tree, wall, fence, bund, barrier, railing or hedgerow enclosing the ground, or any building, post, seat or any other erection or ornament in the ground.

Unauthorised erection of structures

A person shall not, except with the permission of the relevant authority erect in the ground any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or any other structure

Climbing

A person shall not without reasonable excuse climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

Grazing

No person shall without the consent of the Council turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.

Protection of wildlife

A person shall not in the ground kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares.

Camping

No person shall without the consent of the Council erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping.

Fires

A person shall not in the ground intentionally light a fire or place, throw or let fall a lighted match. No BBQs, bonfires or fireworks are allowed in the grounds without the permission of the relevant authority. When permitted, BBQs, bonfires and fireworks must be situated in the designated areas as directed by the relevant authority.

Missiles

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

Interference with life-saving equipment

No person shall except in case of emergency remove from or displace or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the relevant authority or Council

Littering and Fly-tipping

A person shall not wilfully, carelessly or negligently litter or fly tip within the ground

Fly Posting

No person shall, without the permission of the relevant authority, fly post or affix any placard or notice to any fences, buildings, trees or other structure within the ground

PART 3. HORSES, CYCLES AND VEHICLES

Interpretation

In this Part:

“motorcycle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels

“motor vehicle” means any mechanically propelled vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage;

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, horse or other animal and includes a caravan.

“Bicycle” means a manually propelled cycle or an electric cycle having 2 wheels or more.

“scooter” means a manually propelled scooter or an electric scooter having 2 wheels or more

Horses

No person shall ride a horse in the ground except with the permission of the relevant authority

No person shall, except with the agreement of the relevant authority bring or cause to be brought onto the ground any horses or horse drawn vehicles.

Motor vehicles

No person shall without the permission of the relevant authority bring into or drive in the ground a motorcycle, motor vehicle or trailer other than in the designated parking areas.

Cycling

No person shall except with the agreement with the relevant authority bring or cause to be brought onto the ground any bicycle, motorcycle, scooter, electric scooter or similar machine.

The relevant authority will exercise discretion in the case of small children who are accompanied by a responsible adult.

Parking

The relevant authority has set apart a space for the parking of vehicles and motorbikes and this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving into that space by a direct route from the entrance to the ground.

The area set aside for parking is specifically for those who have permission from the relevant authority to use the areas noted in Schedule 1. Parking is permitted for those attending the church.

No person shall except with the agreement from the relevant authority, bring or cause to be brought onto the ground any caravans, vans, lorries or commercial vehicles in space within the ground that is set aside for the parking of cars.

No person shall, except with the agreement from the relevant authority, park any vehicles within the ground overnight or on a long term basis

No person shall park in disability parking bays without displaying a UK Government Disabled Parking Badge.

Registration numbers of vehicles parked without good cause or authorisation will be noted. Constant offenders will be reported to the constabulary.

PART 4. PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

Interpretation

In this Part:

“ball games” means any game involving throwing, catching, kicking, batting or running with any ball or other object designed for throwing and catching, but does not include cricket;

Pitches means the marked out football pitches in the ground

Grassed areas mean any other grassed areas other than the football pitches

Tennis courts refer to the fenced tennis court in the ground

Children's and Toddlers play areas

Age restrictions must be adhered to where notices are displayed that restrict the age of those permitted to use play equipment or play areas.

Children's play apparatus

No one over the age of 16 is entitled to use the children's play area and apparatus.

Skateboarding

Skateboarding is not permitted in any area of the ground

Ball Games

No person shall use the football pitches or any other area noted in Schedule 1 for ball games without the permission of the relevant authority.

The football pitches are managed by the relevant authority and hired out to local junior football clubs.

The tennis court is managed by the relevant authority and hired out as required.

Pitches and tennis courts must be booked with the relevant authority.

Cricket

No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated area for playing cricket or with the permission of the relevant authority

Archery

No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the relevant authority

Field sports

No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the relevant authority

Golf

No person shall chip, drive or pitch a golf ball in any area of the ground

PART 5 MODEL AIRCRAFT

Model aircraft

No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft or drone to:

- (a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground;
or
- (b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse.

PART 6. OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Provision of services

No person shall without the consent of the relevant authority provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

No person shall without the permission of the relevant authority carry out any group football, other ball game or group exercise training sessions on the football pitches, grassed areas, tennis courts or other areas within the ground.

No person shall without the permission of the relevant authority carry out any group football, other ball game or group exercise training sessions on the football pitches, grassed areas, tennis courts or other areas within the ground for which a charge is made.

Excessive noise

No person in the ground or hall, after being requested to desist by a member of the relevant authority or by any person annoyed or disturbed shall cause a nuisance by:

Shouting or singing

Playing a musical instrument

Operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, music player or similar machine

Causing or permit to be caused any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons

Public shows and performance

No person shall without the consent of the local authority hold or take part in any public show or performance

Aircraft, hang gliders and hot air balloons

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

Kites

No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.

Metal detectors

No person shall without the consent of the relevant authority use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

PART 8. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Obstruction

No person shall obstruct, disturb or antagonise:

(a) any officer of the local authority in the proper execution of their duties;

(b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the local authority or

(c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.

2. Exceptions

It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the local authority or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the local authority to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty.

Nothing in or done under 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 lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part of the ground.

3. Removal of offenders

Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the relevant authority or a representative thereof, the Council or a constable.

4. Penalty

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.

5. Revocation [- General]

The following byelaws made by Tilsworth Parish Council on 12th February 1977 and confirmed by the Secretary of State authorised by R F D Shuffrey, an Assistant Under Secretary of State on the 28th April 1977, effective from the 1st June 1977 relating to the Recreation Ground are hereby revoked.

Byelaws 1 to 8 are revoked

Byelaws 10 – 12 are revoked

6. Original Byelaw 9 is not revoked and is relevant to dogs within the grounds

A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to them or in their care to enter or remain in the ground unless such dogs be effectively restrained from causing annoyance to any person and from worrying or disturbing any animal.

SCHEDULE [1] - Grounds to which byelaws apply generally

The ground referred to throughout these byelaws are located at Stanbridge & Tilsworth Recreation Ground, Stanbridge Road Tilsworth and encompass the following areas:

- a) the hall,
- b) car parking area
- c) playing fields and the surrounding grassed areas
- d) children's play area
- e) tennis courts