

# STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

BYELAWS made by the Council of the Parish of Stokenchurch under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and Sections 12 and 15 of The Open Spaces Act 1906 with respect to the common land, village greens and Longburrow Park.

1. In these byelaws "the Council" means the Parish Council of Stokenchurch "the ground" means all the areas of common in Stokenchurch as defined by the 1861 Inclosure Award, the village green adjacent to the Parish Church and Longburrow Park.
2. 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.
3. A person shall not without reasonable excuse 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.
4. A person shall not, except in pursuance of a lawful 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 cattle, sheep, goats, pigs or any beast of draught or burden.
5.
  - (1) No person in charge of a dog other than a registered blind person in charge of a guide dog shall, without reasonable excuse, permit the dog to enter or remain in Longburrow Park.
  - (2) Notice of the effect of this byelaw shall be given by signs displayed in conspicuous positions at the entries to Longburrow Park.
  - (3) An Officer of the Council or any Constable may require a person in charge of a dog which has entered the ground to remove the dog from the ground.
6.
  - (1) For the purpose of byelaw 5 above the keeper of the dog shall be deemed in charge thereof, unless the court is satisfied that at the time when the dog entered or remained on the ground it had been placed in or taken into the charge of some other person.
  - (2) In paragraph (1) above "the keeper" shall include the owner of the dog or any person who habitually has it in his possession.
7.
  - (1) A person shall not, except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought in the ground any barrow, truck, machine or vehicle other than
    - (a) a wheeled bicycle or other similar machine;
    - (b) a wheel-chair or perambulator drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid.

Provided that where the Council set apart a space in the ground for the use of any class of vehicle, this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving in or to that space by a direct route from the entrance to the ground of any vehicle of the class for which it is set apart.

  - (2) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege ride any bicycle or other similar machine in any part of the ground.
8. A person who brings a vehicle into the ground shall not wheel or station it over or upon
  - (1) any flower bed, shrub, or plant, or any ground in course or preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub, or plant;
  - (2) 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.
9. A person shall not in the ground walk, run, stand, sit or lie upon
  - (1) any grass, turf or other place where adequate notice to keep off such grass, turf or other place is exhibited, provided that such notice shall not apply to more than one fifth of the area of the ground;
  - (2) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant
10. A person shall not in the ground
  - (1) bathe, wade or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream or other water;
  - (2) without reasonable excuse foul or pollute any such water
11. A person shall not on the ground hang, spread or deposit any linen or other fabric for drying or bleaching.
12. A person shall not chip, pitch or drive a hard golf ball except on land set aside by the Council for use as a golf course, golf driving range practice area or putting course.
13. Where the Council set apart any such part 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 in the notice board, which by reason of the rules or 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 part 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 a space.

14. A person resorting to the ground and playing or taking part in any game for which the exclusive use of any space in the ground has been set apart shall:
- (1) not play on the space any game other than the game for which it is set apart;
  - (2) in preparing for playing and in playing, use reasonable care to prevent undue interference with the proper use of the ground by other persons;
  - (3) when the space is already occupied by other players not begin to play thereon without their permission;
  - (4) where the exclusive use of the space has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match, not to play on that space later than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the match unless he is taking part therein;
  - (5) except where the exclusive use of the space has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match in which he is taking part, not use the space for a longer time than two hours continuously, if any player or players make known to him a wish to use the space.
15. A person shall not in any part of the ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game play or take part in any game 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 play in that part of the ground.
16. A person shall not in the ground
- (1) 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 purpose as are specified in the application;
  - (2) 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, he is authorised to sell or let to hire in the ground such commodity or article.
17. No person shall in the ground:
- (1) intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
  - (2) intentionally obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council or;
  - (3) 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.
18. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.
19. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by any officer of the Council or any constable.
20. The byelaws made by Stokenchurch Parish Council on the 30th November 1978 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 10th May 1979 relating to the ground are hereby repealed.

GIVEN under our hands and seals this 4th day of July 1990.

*R. Shunock*

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Members of the Stokenchurch Parish Council

The foregoing byelaw(s) are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the 10th day of December 1990.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

*C. L. Scoble*

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An Assistant Under-Secretary of State