

**BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE  
GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND  
OPEN SPACES**

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Byelaws made under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 by the Council of Corfe Mullen Parish Council with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

**PART 1  
GENERAL**

**1. General Interpretation**

In these byelaws:

“the Council” means the Council of Corfe Mullen Parish;

“the ground” means any of the grounds listed in Schedule 1;

“designated area” means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,

- a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,
- b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and
- c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

## **2. Application**

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

## **PART 2 PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC**

### **3. Protection of structures and plants**

1. No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground:
  - a) any barrier, post, seat, or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or
  - b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.
2. No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over:
  - a) any flower bed, shrub or plant;
  - b) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
  - c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.

### **4. Protection of sports pitches**

No person shall drive any vehicle over any sports pitch.

### **5. Unauthorised erection of structures**

No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

### **6. 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.

### **7. Protection of wildlife**

No person shall kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting, or the setting of traps or nets or the laying of snares.

### **8. Gates**

- (1) No person shall leave open any gate to which this byelaw applies and which he has opened or caused to be opened.
- (2) Byelaw 8(1) applies to any gate to which is attached, or near to which is displayed; a conspicuous notice stating that leaving the gate open is prohibited.

**9. 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.

**10. Fires**

(1) No person shall light a fire or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire.

(2) Byelaw 10(1) shall not apply to any event at which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit;

**11. Missiles**

No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.

**PART 3  
HORSES, CYCLES AND VEHICLES**

**12. Interpretation of Part 3**

In this Part:

“designated route” means a route in or through the grounds which is set aside for a specified purpose, that route and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“motor cycle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which does not exceed 410 kilograms;

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

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes a caravan.

**13. Horses**

No person shall ride a horse in the ground.

**14. Cycling**

No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle in the ground except in any part of the ground where there is right of way for cycles.

**15. Motor vehicles**

No person shall without reasonable excuse bring into or drive in the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

**16. Overnight parking**

No person shall without the consent of the Council leave or cause or permit to be left any motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer in the ground between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

**PART 4**  
**PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS**

**17. Interpretation of Part 4**

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;

“self-propelled vehicle” means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle.

**18. Children’s play areas**

(1) No person aged 14 years or over shall enter or remain in a designated area which is a children’s play area unless in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.

(2) 18(1) only applies to the grounds listed in Part 1 of Schedule 2.

**19. Children’s play apparatus**

(1) No person aged 14 years or over shall use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.

(2) 19(1) only applies to the grounds listed in Part 2 of Schedule 2.

**20. Skateboarding Etc.**

No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles except in a designated area for such activities.

**21. Golf**

No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

**PART 5**  
**MODEL AIRCRAFT**

**22. Interpretation of Part 5**

In this Part—

“model aircraft” means an aircraft which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel;

“power-driven” means driven by—

- a) the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;
- b) by jet propulsion or by means of a rocket, other than by means of a small reaction motor powered by a solid fuel pellet not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in length; or
- c) by one or more electric motors or by compressed gas.

**23. General prohibition**

No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft 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**

**24. Provision of services**

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

**25. Excessive noise**

- (1) No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person in the ground, make 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:
  - a) by shouting or singing;
  - b) by playing on a musical instrument; or
  - c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device.
- (2) Byelaw 25(1) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

**26. Aircraft, hang-gliders and hot-air balloons**

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.

**27. Kites and kite-buggies**

- (1) No person shall in the ground fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person in the ground.
- (2) No person shall in the ground ride or drive any vehicle powered by a kite, or fly a kite so powered.

**PART 7  
MISCELLANEOUS**

**28. Obstruction**

No person shall—

- a) obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
- b) obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessarily to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
- c) obstruct any other person in the proper use of the ground.

## **29. Savings**

1. It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty.
2. 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.

## **30. Removal of offenders**

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

## **31. 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.

## **32. Revocation**

The byelaws made by Corfe Mullen Parish Council on 16 May 1977 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 10 August 1977 relating to the Recreation Ground at Badbury View Road are hereby revoked.

### **SCHEDULE 1 Grounds To Which Byelaws Apply Generally**

The grounds referred to in byelaw 2 are:

Corfe Mullen Recreation Ground, Badbury View Road

Springdale Road Public Open Space, Springdale Road

Towers Way Play Area, off Towers Way

Play Area adjacent to Henbury School, Hillside Road

#### **Schedule 2**

Grounds Referred To In Certain Byelaws

#### **Part 1**

The grounds referred to in byelaw 18 are:

Corfe Mullen Recreation Ground Play Area, Badbury View Road

Towers Way Play Area, off Towers Way

Play Area adjacent to Henbury School, Hillside Road

#### **Part 2**


The grounds referred to in byelaw 19 are:

Corfe Mullen Recreation Ground Play Area, Badbury View Road

Towers Way Play Area, off Towers Way

Play Area adjacent to Henbury School, Hillside Road

Given under our hands and seals this *twenty fifth* day of *October* 2005

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Members of the Corfe Mullen Parish Council

