

Polesworth Parish Council

Byelaws

Byelaws made under section 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act, 1906 by the Parish Council of Polesworth with respect to Recreation Grounds.

1. Throughout these byelaws the expression “the Council” means the Parish Council of Polesworth and the expression “the ground means each of the recreation grounds at Cockspur Street, Birchmoor, Station Road, Polesworth and Church Road, Warton.
2. An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty on the ground by an officer of the Council, or by any person or servant of any person employed by the Council, shall not be deemed an offence against these byelaws.
3. A person shall not wilfully, carelessly or negligently damage or defile any equipment, seat, gate, wall or fence, in or enclosing the ground, or any building, barrier, railing, or post or any erection or ornament on 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 on to the ground any beast of draught or burden or any horse, cattle, sheep, goats or pigs.
5. A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought on to the ground any car, motor-cycle, truck, machine or vehicle other than:
 - (a) those used for disability purposes.
 - (b) provided that where the Council set apart a space on 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.
6. A person shall not affix any bill, placard or notice to and upon any tree, or upon any part of any building, seat or other erection on the ground.
7. A person shall not on the ground drive, pitch or chip a solid golf ball except on any area of the ground set apart by the Council as golf links or a putting course.
8. Where the Council set apart any such part of the ground as may be fixed by the Council, and may be described in a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position on 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 on the ground, may necessitate the exclusive use by the player or players of any space on such part of the ground – a person shall not in any space elsewhere on the ground play or take part in any games so specified in such a manner as to exclude persons not playing or taking part in the game from the use of such space.
9. A person over the age of fifteen years shall not use any play equipment on the ground which by a notice affixed or set up on or near thereto has been set apart by the Council for the use of persons under the age of fifteen years.
10. A person shall not except with the consent of the Council erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure on the ground.

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 on the ground wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the ground, or wilfully obstruct, disturb, or interrupt 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.
13. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level two on the standard scale.
14. Every person who shall infringe any byelaw for the regulation of the ground may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Council, or by the Police, in any one of several cases herein after specified: that is to say
 - (i) Where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such an officer or the Police, and the name and residence of the person infringing the byelaw are unknown to and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or the Police
 - (ii) Where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or the Police, and, from the nature of such infraction, or from any other fact of which such officer or the Police may have knowledge, or of which he may be credibly informed, there may be reasonable grounds for belief that the continuance on the ground of the person infringing the byelaw may result in another infraction of a byelaw, or that the removal of such a person from the ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

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held on 6th January 1976.

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