

GROBY PARISH COUNCIL

BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

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Bye-laws made under sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 by Groby Parish Council with respect to pleasure grounds and open spaces as listed in the attached Schedule 1.

PART 1 GENERAL

General Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means Groby Parish Council;

“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.
- (d) includes Class 1,(manual wheelchairs, that is self-propelled or attendant-propelled), Class 2 (4mph) and Class 3 (8mph) machines.

Application

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

Opening times

3. No person shall enter or remain in the ground except during published opening hours., as set out in Schedule 2 Part 1.

PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

Protection of structures and plants

4. (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.

Unauthorised erection of structures

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

Climbing

6. No person shall 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

7. 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

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

Gates

9. (1) No person shall leave open any gate to which this bye-law applies and which he has opened or caused to be opened.
- (2) Bye-law 9 (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.

Camping

10. No person shall erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping.

Fires

11. (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) Bye-law 11(1) shall not apply to:
 - (a) the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit or
 - (b) the lighting or use, in such a manner as to safeguard against damage or danger to any person of a properly constructed barbecue, in a designated area for barbecues.

Missiles

12. 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.

Interference with life-saving equipment

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

Interpretation of PART 3

14. In this Part:

“designated route” means a route in or through the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, its route and that 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 any mechanically-propelled vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage;

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

Horses

15. No person shall ride a horse on Council land except in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.

Cycling

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

Motor vehicles

17. (1) No person, other than those specifically permitted in Part 2, subsection 2, 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 or a designate route for that class of vehicle.
- (2) Where there is a designated route for motor cycles, motor vehicles, trailers or other mechanically propelled vehicles, it shall not be an offence under this bye-law to bring into or drive in the ground a vehicle of that class for the sole purpose of transporting it to the route.

Over-night parking

18. No person shall without the consent of the Council leave or cause or permit to be left any motor vehicle in the grounds except during published opening hours as set out in Schedule 2 Part 1.

PART 4

PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

Interpretation of PART 4

19. 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;

“Organised ball games” means any ball game formally organised by an organisation such as, but not limited to, a football club.

“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.

Children’s play areas

20. 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.

Children’s play apparatus

21. 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.

Skateboarding, BMX riding and Cycling, etc

Permitted only in a designated area

22. (1) No person shall skate, slide, cycle or ride on rollers, skateboards BMX bikes or other self-propelled vehicles except in a designated area for such activities.
- (2) Where there is a designated area for skating, sliding, cycling or riding on rollers, skateboards, BMX bikes or other self-propelled vehicles, no person shall engage in those activities in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.
- (3) Persons using any area specifically designated for BMX riding must comply with any safety rules and regulations as separately published.

Ball games

Permitted only in a designated area

23. (1) No person shall play organised ball games in the ground except in a designated area for playing organised ball games or when otherwise permitted by a specific permit issued by the Council for that purpose.
- (2) It is an offence for any person using a designated area for playing ball games as set out in Schedule 4 to break any of the rules set out in

Schedule 3 and conspicuously displayed on a sign in the designated area when asked by any person to desist from breaking those rules.

Cricket

24. No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated area for playing cricket.

Archery

25. No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Field sports

26. 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 Council or on land set aside by the Council for that purpose.

Golf

Prohibited

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

PART 5

MODEL AIRCRAFT

Interpretation of PART 5

28. 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) 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) one or more electric motors or by compressed gas.

“radio control” means control by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.

General prohibition

29. 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 of the Council.

PART 6

OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Interpretation of PART 6

30. In this Part:

“kite buggy” means a light, purpose-built vehicle powered by a traction kite

Provision of services

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

Excessive noise

32. (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 by:
- (a) shouting or singing;
 - (b) playing on a musical instrument; or
 - (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, or similar electronic or mechanical device.
- (2) Bye-law 32(1) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Public shows and performances

33. No person shall without the consent of the Council hold or take part in any public show or performance.

Aircraft, hang gliders and hot air balloons

34. 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.

Kites

35. (1) No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.
- (2) No person shall on Council grounds, as set out in Schedule 2 Part 1, fly any kite or ride or drive any vehicle powered by a kite in such a manner as to cause danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person on the grounds.

Metal detectors

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

PART 7

MISCELLANEOUS

Obstruction

37. No person shall obstruct:
- (a) any officer of the Council 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 Council; or
 - (c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.

Savings

38. (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.

Removal of offenders

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

Penalty

40. 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.

Revocation

41. The byelaws made by Groby Parish Council on 25th July 1994 and confirmed by The Secretary of State of the Home Office on the 25th of July 1994 relating to the ground are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

GROUNDS TO WHICH BYE-LAWS APPLY

The grounds referred to in BYE-LAW 2 are:

Under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875

1. Quarry Playing Field – 13.05 acres
2. Stamford Memorial Park – 8.11 acres
3. Marina Park – 8.78 acres
4. Butler's Field – 7.6 acres

5. Under section 12 & 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906

1. Ratby Road Amenity Area – 1.0 acres
2. Highfield Amenity Area – 0.16 acres
3. Oakmeadow Way Open Space – 0.34 acres
4. Greys Drive Amenity Area – 0.73 acres
5. Quorndon Rise Open Space – 0.07 acres
6. Sacheverell Way Open Space – 1.64 acres
7. Laundon Way Amenity Area – 1.06 acres
8. Pymm Ley Lane Amenity Area – 0.3 acres
9. Sycamore Drive Amenity Area – 2.0 acres
10. Flaxfield Amenity Area – 0.69 acres
11. Ratby Lane (Field Head) Amenity Area – 0.36 acres
12. Link Rise (Field Head) open space – 0.15 acres
13. Beacon Field – 3.5 acres
14. Mineral Line walk – 2.66 acres
15. Cemetery Extension Field
16. Anstey Lane Field – 1 acre
17. Cowpen Spinney – 4.4 acres
18. Bluebell Drive – 1.0 acres
19. Foxglove Drive – 0.36 acres

SCHEDULE 2
GROUNDS REFERRED TO IN CERTAIN BYE-LAWS

PART 1
OPENING TIMES (BYE-LAW 3)

The following grounds are gated and are subject to opening and closing times 365 days per year.

1. Quarry Playing Field
2. Stamford Memorial Park
3. Marina Park

The prescribed opening and closing times for all of these grounds referred to in Schedule 2 are:

1 st April – 30 th September	8.00 am – 8.00 pm
1 st October – 31 st March	8.00am – 4.30pm

PART 2
PARKING TIMES (BYE-LAW 18)

The car parks at the following grounds are gated and are subject to opening and closing times 365 days per year.

1. Quarry Playing Field
2. Stamford Memorial Park
3. Marina Park

The prescribed opening and closing times for the car parks at all of these grounds referred to in Schedule 2 are:

1 st April – 30 th September	8.00 am – 8.00 pm
1 st October – 31 st March	8.00am – 4.30pm

SCHEDULE 3

RULES FOR PLAYING BALL GAMES IN DESIGNATED AREAS (BYE-LAW 23)

Any person using a designated area for playing ball games is required by bye-law 23 to comply with the following rules:

1. No person shall play any game other than those ball games for which the designated area has been set aside.
2. No person shall obstruct any other person who is playing in accordance with these rules.
3. Where exclusive use of the designated area has been granted to a person or group of persons by the Council for a specified period, no other person shall play in that area during that period.
4. Subject to paragraph (5), where the designated area is already in use by any person, any other person wishing to play in that area must seek their permission to do so.
5. Except where they have been granted exclusive use of the designated area for more than two hours by the Council, any person using that area shall vacate it if they have played continuously for two hours or more and any other person wishes to use that area.
6. No person shall play in the designated area when a notice has been placed in a conspicuous position by the Council prohibiting play in that area.

SCHEDULE 4

DESIGNATED AREAS FOR PLAYING BALL GAMES (BYE-LAW 23)

1. Quarry Playing Field – 13.05 acres
2. Stamford Memorial Park – 8.11 acres
3. Marina Park – 8.78 acres
4. Highfield Amenity Area – 0.16 acres
5. Flaxfield Amenity Area – 0.69 acres
6. Beacon Field – 3.5 acres

The Common Seal of the Groby Parish Council was hereunto affixed on the 5th February 2014 in the presence of:-

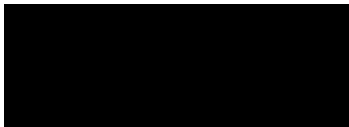
Signed..... Chairman

Signed..... Member

Witnessed by..... Clerk

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation one calendar month after the date of confirmation

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State



Paul Rowsell
A senior civil servant in the Department for Communities and Local Government

Date: 19 January 2015.