

PARISH OF MEDSTEAD.  

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BYE-LAWS  

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With respect to the Village Green.

*Public Health Act, 1875, and Local Government Act, 1894.*

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We, the Parish Council of the Parish of Medstead, in the County of Southampton, acting under the Authority of the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Local Government Act, 1894, and of every other power enabling us in that behalf,

Do hereby make the following bye-laws for the regulation of the Village Green of the said Parish.

1. Throughout these bye-laws the expression "the Parish Council" means the Parish Council of the Parish of Medstead, in the County of Southampton, and the expression "the Village Green" means the Village Green of the said Parish, situate at Medstead and commonly known as the Down.

2. A person shall not wilfully or improperly remove or displace any board, plate or tablet, or any support, fastening or fitting of any board, plate or tablet used or constructed or adapted to be used for the exhibition of any bye-law or notice, and fixed or set up by the Parish Council on any part of the Village Green, or in or on any building or structure thereon.

3. A person shall not wilfully, carelessly or negligently remove, or carelessly or negligently deface, injure or destroy any part of any building, or of any fixed or movable seat or post, or of any other structure or erection on the Village Green.

4. A person shall not encamp upon the Village Green or erect or place thereon any engine, machine, vehicle, cart, carriage, truck, van, tent, hut, clothes-pole, hurdle or other erection of any kind.

Provided that the foregoing prohibition shall not apply in any case, where, upon an application to the Parish Council for permission to encamp upon the Village Green or to erect or place thereon any engine, machine, vehicle, cart, carriage, truck, van, tent, hut, clothes-pole, hurdle or other erection, upon such occasion and for such purpose as shall be specified in such application, the Parish Council may grant such permission, subject to compliance with such conditions as they may prescribe.

5. A person, other than a person acting under the authority of the Parish Council, shall not affix or post any bill, placard, or notice, to or upon any tree, or to or upon any part of any building, or of any fixed or movable seat or post, or of any other structure or on the Village Green.

6. A person, other than a person acting under the authority of the Parish Council, shall not at any time take, dig, cut or remove any gravel, sand, sod, clay, turf, soil, or other substance in, on, or from the Village Green, a person shall not carelessly or negligently injure or destroy any timber, wood, brushwood, gorse, heather or furze, on the Village Green.

7. A person shall not wilfully, carelessly or negligently soil or defile any part of any building, or of any fixed or movable seat or post, or of any other structure or erection on the Village Green.

8. A person shall not throw or discharge on the Village Green any stone or other missile to the damage or danger of any person.

9. A person shall not climb any tree or any post on the Village Green.

10. A person shall not, on the Village Green, wilfully displace or disturb, injure or destroy any bird's nest, or wilfully take, injure or destroy any bird's egg, or take injure or destroy any bird, or spread or use any net, or set or use any snare or other instrument or means for the taking, injury or destruction of any bird.

11. A person shall not light any fire on the Village Green, or burn or do any act which might cause any timber, wood, brushwood, gorse, heather, furze, fern, earth, paper, rubbish, or other substance to take fire or be burned on the Village Green.

12. Every person resorting to the Village Green for the purpose of playing or taking part in any game of football, quoits, bowls, hockey, cricket, or any other game which, by reason of the rules or manner of playing, or for the prevention of damage, danger or discomfort to any person in the Village Green may necessitate, at any time during the continuance of the game, the exclusive use by the player or players of any space in the Village Green, shall comply with the following regulations:—

(i) He shall, in making preparation for the playing of such game, and in the manner of playing, use reasonable and proper care to prevent undue interference, with the reasonable and proper use of any space by any other person engaged in making preparation for playing or in playing therein, or thereafter resorting to such space for the purpose of making preparation for playing or of playing therein.

(ii) He shall not at any time in any part of a space which is already occupied by other players begin to play without the permission of such other players.

(iii) Except in any case where the exclusive use of any space may have been granted by the Parish Council for the playing of any match, of which the occasion and character shall be such as to render expedient an extension of the time hereinafter specified, a player or company of players shall not, in making preparation for playing and in playing any game, use any part of such space for a longer time than two hours continuously if, at the expiration of that time, any other player or company of players, for whose use no other part of the Village Green may be available, shall make known to such first mentioned player or company of players an intention to use, for the purpose of playing, such space as shall have been previously used by such player or company of players.

13. A person shall not, on any part of the Village Green, or any tree, bush, post, building or structure thereon, hang, spread or deposit any linen or other fabric for the purpose of drying or bleaching.

14. A person shall not, on the Village Green, use, to the annoyance of any other person, any indecent or obscene language.

A person shall not frequent and use the Village Green for the purpose of betting and wagering or of agreeing to make any bet or wager.

15. A person shall not wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the Village Green, or any officer of the Parish Council in the proper execution of his duty.

16. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing bye-laws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of **Forty Shillings**. Provided, nevertheless, that the justices or court before whom any complaint may be made or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a penalty, of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this bye-law.

17. Every person who shall infringe any bye-law for the regulation of the Village Green, may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Parish Council, or by any constable, in any one of the several cases hereinafter specified; that is to say:—

(i) Where an officer or constable is known to be on the Village Green at the time of the offence, he shall be liable to be removed therefrom by any person who is otherwise

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(i) Where the infraction of the bye-law is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and the name and residence of the person infringing the bye-law are unknown to, and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or constable:

(ii) Where the infraction of the bye-law is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and from the nature of such infraction, or from any other fact of which such officer or constable may have knowledge, or of which he may be credibly informed, there may be reasonable ground for belief that the continuance on the Village Green of the person infringing the bye-law may result in another infraction of a bye-law, or that the removal of such person from the Village Green is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

*Saving.* Nothing in, or done under any of the provisions of the foregoing bye-laws shall prejudice or injuriously affect any right power or privilege legally exercisable by any person in, over, or in respect of the Village Green.

Given under our hands and seals at a meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Medstead, held after due notice thereof this 30th day of January, 1902.

FRANK COTELLE,

*Chairman presiding at the Meeting.*

HENRY YALDEN,

JOHN KINSHOTT,

*Two Members of the Parish Council.*

Allowed by the Local Government Board this 22nd day of

March, 1902.

S. B. PROVIS,

*Secretary.*



Acting on behalf of the said Board under the authority of their General Order dated the 26th day of May, 1877.