

NARBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND
OPEN SPACES

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Byelaws made under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 by the Parish Council of Narborough with respect to recreation grounds and open spaces in the villages of Narborough and Littlethorpe in the county of Leicestershire.

PART 1 – GENERAL

General Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means the Parish Council of Narborough;

“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;

“mobility vehicle” 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.

Application

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

Opening times

3. (1) No person shall enter or remain in the ground except during opening hours.
- (2) “Opening hours” means the days and times during which the ground is open to the public and which are indicated by a notice placed in conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.

PART 2 - 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 or otherwise damage or deface:
 - (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.

Camping

9. 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.

Fires

10. (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:
- (a) the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit.

Missiles

11. 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

Interpretation of Part 3

12. 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;

“horse” means horse, pony, ass or mule

“motor cycle” means a mechanically-propelled vehicle, not being a mobility vehicle, 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 a mobility vehicle;

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

Horses

13. (1) No person shall ride a horse except:
- (a) on a designated route for riding; or
- (b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
- (2) Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of byelaw 13 (1)(a) or a lawful right

or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.

Cycling

14. No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle in the ground except
- (1) in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for cycles; or
 - (2) on a designated route for cycling; or
 - (3) on grounds listed in Schedule 2(1).

Motor vehicles

15. 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 or a designated route for that class of vehicle or park such a vehicle other than in a designated parking area.

PART 4 - PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

Interpretation of Part 4

16. 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;

Children's' play areas

17. No person aged 14 years or over shall enter or remain in a grounds listed in Schedule 2(2) which is a children's play area unless in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.

Children's' play apparatus

18. 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.

Archery

19. 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

20. 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.

Golf

21. No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball. Golf is not permitted in grounds listed in Schedule 2(3)

Ball games

22. No person shall play ball games in the ground except in a designated area for playing ball games.
23. It is an offence for any person using a designated area for playing ball games 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.

PART 5 - OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Provision of services

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

Public shows and performances

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

Excessive noise

27. 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, tape recorder or similar device.
- (2) Byelaw 27(1) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any

entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Metal detectors

28. (1) 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 6 - MISCELLANEOUS

Obstruction

29. No person shall obstruct:
- (a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his 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 or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

Savings

30. (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

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

Penalty

32. 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

33. The byelaws made by the Parish Council of Narborough on 9th October 1989 and confirmed by The Secretary of State for the Home Department on 18 December 1989 relating to the ground are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

GROUNDS TO WHICH BYELAWS APPLY GENERALLY

The grounds referred to in byelaw 2 are:

1. Hardwicke Road Children's' Play Area at the junction of Hardwicke Road and the Pastures, Narborough
2. Littlethorpe Recreation Ground off Sycamore Way, Littlethorpe
3. Littlethorpe Children's' Play Area adjacent to the Recreation Ground off Sycamore Way Littlethorpe
4. Narborough Park, Desford Road, Narborough
5. Narborough Children's Play Area, adjacent to Narborough Park, Desford Road
6. Narborough Recreation Ground and Playing Fields off Leicester Road, Narborough
7. Six Acre Field, off the Pastures, Narborough
8. Thorpe Meadows Local Wildlife Site off Station Road between the main rail line from Birmingham to Leicester and Sycamore Way Littlethorpe.

SCHEDULE 2

GROUNDS REFERRED TO IN CERTAIN BYELAWS

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CYCLING - BYELAW 14(3)

1. the made up access roads and car park areas on Narborough Recreation Ground and Playing Fields off Leicester Road, Narborough

PART 2

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS - BYELAW 17

1. Hardwicke Road Children's' Play Area at the junction of Hardwicke Road and the Pastures, Narborough
2. Littlethorpe Children's' Play Area adjacent to the Recreation Ground off Sycamore Way Littlethorpe
3. Narborough Children's Play Area, adjacent to Narborough Park, Desford Road

PART 3

GOLF - BYELAW 21

1. Hardwicke Road Children's' Play Area at the junction of Hardwicke Road and the Pastures, Narborough
2. Littlethorpe Children's' Play Area adjacent to the Recreation Ground off Sycamore Way Littlethorpe
3. Narborough Children's Play Area, adjacent to Narborough Park, Desford Road
4. that area of Narborough Recreation Ground and Playing Fields off Leicester Road, Narborough used for playing cricket

SCHEDULE 3

RULES FOR BALL GAMES IN DESIGNATED AREAS - BYELAW 23

Any person using a designated area for playing ball games is required by byelaw 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.