

**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.

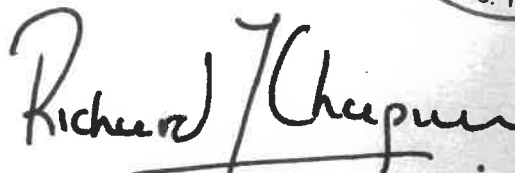
#### Revocation

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

Made this day Tuesday 19th January 2021



Cllr F G H Jackson  
Chairman



Cllr R J Chapman  
Vice Chairman





# **SCHEDULES**

## ***SCHEDULE 1***

### **GROUND 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**

#### **PART 1**

##### **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.

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**BYELAWS 21 TO 24 AND SCHEDULE 3**

**PLAYING OF BALL GAMES**

***HARDWICKE ROAD CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA***

**NO BALL GAMES PERMITTED AT ANY TIME**

**The Public Spaces Protection Order - (Blaby District Council) 2016**

**NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THIS AREA**

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

**BYELAWS 21 TO 24 AND SCHEDULE 3**

**PLAYING OF BALL GAMES**

**LITTLETHORPE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

**NO BALL GAMES PERMITTED AT ANY TIME**

**The Public Spaces Protection Order - (Blaby District Council) 2016**

**NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THIS AREA**

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

**BYELAWS 21 TO 24 AND SCHEDULE 3**

**PLAYING OF BALL GAMES**

***NARBOROUGH PARK CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA***

**NO BALL GAMES PERMITTED AT ANY TIME**

**The Public Spaces Protection Order - (Blaby District Council) 2016**

**NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THIS AREA**

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

**BYELAWS 21 TO 24 AND SCHEDULE 3**

**PLAYING OF BALL GAMES**

***THORPE MEADOWS LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE***

**NO BALL GAMES PERMITTED AT ANY TIME**

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

**BYELAWS 21 TO 24 AND SCHEDULE 3**

**PLAYING OF BALL GAMES**

***LITTLETHORPE RECREATION GROUND***

**BALL GAMES PERMITTED AT ANY TIME WITH  
THE EXCEPTION OF GOLF**



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**BYELAWS 21 TO 24 AND SCHEDULE 3**

**PLAYING OF BALL GAMES**

***NARBOROUGH PARK***

**BALL GAMES PERMITTED AT ANY TIME WITH  
THE EXCEPTION OF GOLF**

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

**BYELAWS 21 TO 24 AND SCHEDULE 3**

**PLAYING OF BALL GAMES**

***SIX ACRE FIELD***

**BALL GAMES PERMITTED AT ANY TIME WITH  
THE EXCEPTION OF GOLF**

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

#### **BYELAWS 21 TO 24 AND SCHEDULE 3**

### **PLAYING OF BALL GAMES**

#### ***NARBOROUGH RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL PITCHES***

**No ball games other than those organised by Narborough Foxes Football Club may take place on scheduled match days or training sessions.**

**At other times, organised matches or training sessions may only take place with the prior written consent of Narborough Parish Council.**

**Informal ball games may be played at any time other than when scheduled matches or training sessions are being held.**

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

#### **BYELAWS 21 TO 24 AND SCHEDULE 3**

### **PLAYING OF BALL GAMES**

#### ***NARBOROUGH RECREATION CRICKET PITCH***

**No ball games other than those organised by Narborough & Littlethorpe Cricket Club may take place on scheduled match days or training sessions.**

**At other times, organised matches or training sessions may only take place with the prior written consent of Narborough Parish Council.**

**Informal ball games other than golf may be played at any time other than when scheduled matches or training sessions are being held in the outfield but not on the cricket square.**