RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BRADFIELD

BYELAWS

with respect to Bucklebury Common, Westrop Green and Bushnells Green.

THE COMMONS ACT, 1899

We, the Rural District Council of Bradfield in the County of Berks, acting under the authority of the Commons Act, 1899, and of every other power enabling us in that behalf,

Do hereby make the following Byelaws for the prevention of nuisances and the preservation of order on Bucklebury Common, Westrop Green and Bushnells Green.

(1) Throughout these Byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Rural District Council of Bradfield in the County of Berks, and, the expression "the Common" means the pieces of land with the ponds, streams, paths and roads thereon commonly known as Bucklebury Common, Westrop Green and Bushnells Green, situate in the Parish of Bucklebury in the County of Berks and referred to as "the Common" in the scheme approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Commons Act, 1899, on the second July, 1929.

(2) A person shall not, without lawful authority, deposit on any part of the Common any materials for the repair of the roads, rubbish, or other matter, or dig, cut or take any turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay or other substance on or from the Common, or cut, fell or carelessly or negligently injure any turf, gorse, heather, timber or other tree, shrub, brushwood or other plant growing on the Common.

(3) A person shall not wilfully or improperly deface or remove or carelessly or negligently injure any notice board, seat, fence or other thing put up or maintained by the Council on the Common.

(4) A person other than an officer of the Council or a person acting in pursuance of their directions in that behalf, shall not paint or post any bill, placard or notice to or upon any tree, fence, erection or notice board on the Common.

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(5) A person shall not, without lawful authority, catch any bird, set any trap or net or lay any snare for birds or other animals or take any egg or nest of birds or shoot or chase game or other animals upon any part of the Common.

(6) A person shall not without lawful authority light any fire on the Common:

Provided that this Byelaw shall not be deemed to apply to any offence which is punishable under Section 193 of the Law of Property Act, 1925.

(7) A person shall not without lawful authority, draw, drive, or cause to be drawn or driven on the Common any carriage, cart, truck, caravan, motor vehicle, motor cycle, or other vehicle other than a wheeled chair drawn or propelled by hand, or a perambulator or chaise drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or of an invalid:

Provided that this Byelaw shall not be deemed to apply to any offence which is punishable under Section 193 of the Law of Property Act, 1925.

(8) A person shall not without lawful authority land on or depart from the Common in an aeroplane or other flying machine except in the case of accident or other sufficient cause.

(9) A person shall not, except in the case of a fair lawfully held, place any show or exhibition, photographic cart, swing, roundabout or other like thing on the Common.

(10) A person shall not, without lawful authority, exercise or cause to be exercised or cause to be broken in, any horse on the Common.

(11) A person shall not without the consent of the Council or other lawful authority erect on the Common any building, shed, tent, fence, post, railing or other structure whether used in connection with the playing of games or not.

(12) A person shall not without lawful authority fire or discharge any fire-arm on the Common.

(13) A person who shall play cricket, football or any other game on the Common, shall use reasonable and proper care to prevent undue interference with the reasonable and proper use of the Common by other persons.

(14) A person, shall not, without lawful authority, turn out or permit to remain on the Common any cattle, sheep or other animals.

(15) A person shall not on the Common use to the annoyance of any other person any indecent or obscene language.

(16) A person shall not bathe in any water on the Common or defile any spring or pond thereon.

(17) A person shall not in any part of the Common wilfully obstruct, or hinder any officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under the Scheme herein-before referred to or under these Byelaws.

(18) Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable for each such offence to a penalty of Forty Shillings and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of Forty Shillings for each day after written notice of the offence from the Council:

Provided nevertheless, that the Court of Summary Jurisdiction before whom any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence, may if the Court think fit, adjudge the payment of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by the Byelaw.

(19) Any officer of the Council may, after due warning, remove from the Common any vehicle or animal drawn, driven or placed, or any structure erected on the Common in contravention of these Byelaws.

(20) Any officer of the Council may after due warning remove or exclude from the Common any person who within his view commits, or whom he reasonably suspects of committing, an offence against any of these Byelaws or against the Vagrancy Act, 1824.

The Common Seal of the Bradfield Rural District Council was hereunto affixed in pursuance of a resolution passed at a Meeting duly convened and held on the Twenty-first day of January, 1930, in the presence of

Seal of the Bradfield Rural District Council

FRANCIS BATE,
Chairman

W. JONES,
Clerk to the Council

Allowed by the Minister of Health this Third day of February, 1930.

Seal of the Ministry of Health

E. H. RHODES,
Assistant Secretary
Ministry of Health

Byelaw No. 18 of the above Byelaws in respect of Bucklebury Common, Westrop Green and Bushnells Green made by the Rural District Council of Bradfield on the Twenty-First day of January 1930 and allowed by the Minister of Health on the Third day of February 1930, is hereby repealed and the following byelaw is substituted therefore:—

"18 Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding forty shillings for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor."

APPROVED at a Meeting of the Rural District Council of Bradfield held on the 3rd day of September 1968, in testimony whereof the Common Seal of the said Council was hereunto affixed this 8th day of October 1968, in the presence of:—

Seal of the Bradfield Rural District Council

D. A. CAMPBELL,
Chairman

JOHN E. GILBERT
Clerk

The Secretary of State this day confirmed the foregoing byelaw and fixed the date on which it is to come into operation as the first day of April, 1969.

Seal of the Secretary of State Home Department

N. CAIRNCROSS
An Assistant Under Secretary of State

Home Office,
Whitehall
27th February, 1969

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as amended with effect from 1st April, 1969

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