

THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ST ALBANS

COMMONS ACT, 1899 (62 & 63, Vic., c. 30).

REDBOURN COMMON

In the Parish of Redbourn, in the County of Hertford.

BYELAWS

WE, THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ST. ALBANS, in the County of Hertford, in pursuance of a scheme made by us, and approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, under the provision of the Commons Act, 1899, and of every other power enabling us in that behalf, do hereby make the following byelaws for the Regulation of Redbourn Common in the Parish of Redbourn.

1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "The Council" means the Rural District Council of St Albans, or in the event of the power of carrying out these byelaws being at any time hereafter delegated by the said Rural District Council to the Parish Council of Redbourn, then the expression "The Council" means the Parish Council of Redbourn, and the expression "The Common," means the piece of land with the ponds, paths, and roads thereon, commonly known as Redbourn Common in the Parish of Redbourn in the County of Hertford, and referred to as "The Common" in the scheme under the Commons Act, 1899, made by the Rural District Council of St Albans on the 5th day of September, 1929, and approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on 17th day of October, 1929, and the expression "The Scheme" means the aforesaid Scheme.
2. A person shall not, without the authority of the Council, deposit on the Common or in any pond or stream thereon, road-sand, dung, rubbish, wood, or other matter, except materials for the repair of roads.
3. A person shall not, without lawful authority, dig, cut, or take turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay, or other substance, on or from the common, or shall not, without lawful authority, cut, fell, or carelessly or negligently injure any gorse, heather, timber, or other tree, shrub, brushwood, or other plant growing on the common.
4. A person shall not remove or carelessly or negligently injure or deface any seat, fence, notice board, or other thing put up or maintained by the Council on the Common.
5. A person shall not, without the authority of the Council, post or paint any bill, placard, advertisement, or notice on any tree or fence or notice board on the Common.
6. A person shall not, without lawful authority, catch any bird, or set any trap, or lay any snare for birds or animals or take any bird's egg or nest on the Common. Provided that the foregoing byelaw shall not be deemed to apply where an offence is committed against the Malicious Damage Act, 1861.
7. A person shall not, without lawful authority, shoot or chase game or other animals on the common.
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8. A person shall not, without lawful authority, draw upon the Common any carriage, cart, caravan, truck, or other vehicle, other than a bathchair or perambulator propelled by hand, and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or of an invalid, or erect or permit to remain on the Common, without the consent of the Council or other lawful authority, any building shed, tent, fence, post, railing, or other structure, whether used in connection with the playing of games or not, and any Officer of the Council may after due warning, remove from the Common any such vehicle as aforesaid drawn upon the Common and any structure erected thereon in contravention of this byelaw.

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.

9. A person shall not, except in the case of a fair lawfully held, place on the Common any photographic stand for the purpose of trade, or any show, exhibition, swing, roundabout, stall, or other like thing, and any Officer of the Council may, after due warning, remove from the Common anything placed thereon in contravention of this byelaw.
10. 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.
11. A person shall not, without lawful authority, fire or discharge any firearm on the Common.
12. A person shall not, to the damage, annoyance, or danger of any person, throw or discharge on the Common any missile.
13. A person shall not, without lawful authority, turn out or permit to remain on the common any cattle, sheep, or other animals, and any Officer or the Council may, after due warning, remove from the common any cattle, sheep, or other animals being thereon in contravention of this byelaw.
14. A person shall not, without lawful authority, exercise or break in any horse upon the Common.
15. A person shall not use any indecent or obscene language to the annoyance of any person on the Common.
16. A person shall not wilfully, carelessly or negligently soil or defile any part of any wall, fence, building, barrier or railing, or any fixed or moveable seat or of any other structure or erection on the Common.
17. A person shall not, in any part of the Common, wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the Common.
18. Where the Council shall have set apart any portion or portions of the Common as may be defined or described in a notice or notices which shall be affixed or set up in some conspicuous position or positions on the Common for 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 on the Common may necessitate, at any time during the continuance of the game, the excessive use by the player or players of any space on the Common, a person shall not use for the purpose of playing any such game any part of the Common which is not compromised in any such portion.
19. A person shall not hinder or obstruct any Officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under the Scheme, or under any of the foregoing byelaws made thereunder.
20. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of £2 (two pounds). Provided, nevertheless, that the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, before whom 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 this byelaw.
21. It shall be lawful for any Officer of the Council, after due warning, to remove or exclude from the common any person who, with his view or hearing, commits, or whom he reasonably suspects of committing an offence against any of the foregoing byelaws, or against the Vagrancy Act, 1824.