

THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHELMSFORD  
COMMONS ACT. 1899 (62 and 63 Vict.c30)

GALLEYWOOD COMMON in the Parish of  
Great Baddow\* in the County of Essex

BYELAWS

WE, THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHELMSFORD. in the County of Essex, in pursuance of a Scheme made by us, and approved by the Minister of Land and Natural Resources under the provisions 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 Galleywood Common in the Parish of Great Baddow.

1. Throughout these Byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Rural District Council of Chelmsford 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 Great Baddow then the expression "the Council" means the Parish Council of Great Baddow and the expression "The Common" means the piece of land with the ponds, paths and roads thereon, commonly known as Galleywood Common in the Parish of Great Baddow, in the County of Essex, and referred to as "The Common" in the Scheme under the Commons Act, 1899, made by the Rural District Council of Chelmsford on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1965 and approved by the Minister of Land and Natural Resources on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1965, and the expression "The Scheme" means the aforesaid Scheme.

2. No person shall deposit on the Common or in any pond thereon, road-sand, dung, rubbish, flints, stones, wood, or any other matter whatsoever, except materials for the repair of the roads.

3. No person shall, without lawful authority, dig, cut, or take turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay, or other substance on or from the Common, or shall, 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. No person shall discharge or permit to be discharged any drainage, sewerage or sewage matter upon the Common.

5. No person shall remove or carelessly or negligently injure or deface any seat, fence, or other thing put up or maintained by the Council on the Common.

6. No person shall without the authority of the Council, post or paint any bill, placard, advertisement, or notice on any tree or fence or notice board.

7. No person shall without lawful authority, catch any bird or set any trap or net, or lime any tree, or lay any snare for birds or animals or take any bird's egg or nest on the Common.

8. No person shall, without lawful authority<sup>o</sup>, shoot or chase game or other animals on the Common.

9. (a) No person shall, without lawful authority, draw, drive or place upon the Common any carriage, cart, caravan, truck or other vehicle, other than a bath chair or perambulator propelled by hand, and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or of an invalid. Provided that where the Council set apart any part or parts of the Common as may be described in a notice or notices conspicuously exhibited on the common for the parking of carriages, carts, caravans, trucks and other vehicles this Byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the drawing, driving or placing upon the Common of any such vehicle within a parking place so provided or proceeding to or from such parking place.

(b) Any Officer of the Council may, after due warning, remove from the Common any vehicle drawn upon the Common in contravention of this Byelaw.

10. No person shall, except in the case of a fair lawfully held, place on the Common any show, exhibition, swing, roundabout, 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.

11. No person shall without lawful authority light any fire on the Common.

12. No person shall, except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, fire or discharge any firearm on the Common.

13. No person shall to the damage, annoyance, or danger of any person, throw or discharge any missile on the Common.

14. No person shall, without lawful authority, turn out or permit to remain on the Common any cattle, sheep or other animals and any Officer of the Council may after due warning remove from the Common any cattle, sheep, or other animals being thereon in contravention of this Byelaw.

15. No person shall, without lawful authority, exercise or break in any horse upon the Common except on any portion or portions of the Common which may be set apart by the Council for that purpose and described in a notice or notices conspicuously exhibited on the Common.

16. No person shall use any indecent or obscene language to the annoyance of any person on the Common.

17. No person shall wilfully, carelessly or negligently soil or defile any part of any wall, fence, building, barrier or railing, or of any fixed or moveable seat or of any other structure or erection maintained by the Council on the Common.

18. No person shall, in any part of the Common, wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the Common.

19. 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 exclusive 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 comprised in any such portion.

20. No person shall hinder or obstruct any Officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under the Scheme, or under the foregoing or any other Byelaws made thereunder.

21. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine\*\* not exceeding five 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 therefore

22. It shall be lawful for any Officer of the Council, after due warning, to remove from the Common any person who, within his view, infringes any of the foregoing Byelaws or any provision of the Vagrancy Acts.

23. The Byelaws for the Regulation of Galleywood Common in the Parish of Great Baddow in the County of Essex, which were made by the Rural District Council of Chelmsford on the 16th day of September 1924 and which were allowed by the Minister of Health on the 28th day of November 1924 are hereby repealed. Adopted at a Meeting of the said Rural District Council of Chelmsford held on the Twenty-eighth day of June 1966.

The Common Seal of the Rural District Council of Chelmsford was hereunto affixed this First day of July 1966; in the presence of W .H. ORR Chairman

C.A. BOHANNON  
Clerk of the Council

The Secretary of State this day confirmed the foregoing Byelaws and fixed the date on which they are to come into operation as the First day of October 1966.

R.J. GUPPY  
An Assistant Under Secretary of State  
WHITEHALL  
6th September 1966.

#### FOOTNOTE

- \*Galleywood Common has been in the parish of Galleywood since it was created under the Chelmsford (Parishes) Order 1987 (statutory Instrument 1987/478). It came into existence from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1987.

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The fines relating to the byelaws were altered by the Criminal Justice Act 1972. A scale of fines now applies which are increased by way of statutory instrument from time to time.

