

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 1st September 2004 AT 7.30 p.m. AT THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD**

Present: Cllr Mr A Barnett (Chairman)
Cllr Mr V Sewell
Cllr Mr A Tremain
Cllr Mr C Ward
Mr T Wade (Meopham CC)
Mr K Bushell (New Ash Green CC)
Mr A Stringer (Hartley De Sales FC)
Mr D Thompson (Hartley De Sales FC)

In Attendance: Mrs Gilder (Assistant Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mr J Gaywood, Cllr Mrs A Oxtoby, Cllr Mrs M Solman and Mr M Ward (Hextable CC).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on 5th July 2004 be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mr A Tremain declared a personal interest under agenda item 4, Cricket at Manor Field as he is a member of Hextable Cricket Club and agenda item 12 (d), Gorse Wood as his property adjoins Gorse Wood.

Cllr Mr A Tremain also declared a personal and prejudicial interest under agenda item 12 (a), (b) and (c), Gorse Wood as his property adjoins Gorse Wood and left the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

4. Order Of Business

RESOLVED: That,
Pursuant to Standing Order 26 (d) the order of business was varied and item 6 on the agenda Meopham Cricket Club was brought forward.

Meopham Cricket Club reported that they were delighted with the progress that had been made during the season and that it had been a successful start for the club.

Tony Wade informed the Committee that the water mains have now been connected at Longfield Hill and a new supply pipe has been laid from the man hole to the new storage container. The electricity supply will be attended to between now and the start of next season.

Tony Wade reported that the ground will be well utilised next season and that the club hopes to make further improvements to the ground.

Cllr Barnett asked whether the club had noticed an increase in dog fouling at Longfield Hill and Tony Wade confirmed that they had.

The Committee thanked Meopham Cricket Club for their work at the ground during the season.

Mr Wade left the meeting at 7.43p.m.

5. Cricket at Manor Field

New Ash Green CC reported that they had had a mixed season and had received positive feedback about Manor Field from their opposing teams.

Keith Bushell reported that the clubs annual fun day held on Sunday 29th August had been a great success attended by some thirty to forty youngsters and their families.

The Committee was informed that the club had made a decision to leave the ground at New Ash Green and move to Manor Field but that the cricket club would formally write to the Council detailing their proposals.

Keith Bushell reported that the overgrown area adjacent to the orchard in front of the Pavilion had been cut back and the fence to be erected in that area to stop any cricket balls entering the orchard has now been delivered and will put up over the next few weeks. The field has now been weed killed.

The Committee was informed that the club are intending to bring two sight screens from the ground at New Ash Green to Manor Field and that arrangements would be made to secure the sight screens when not in use.

Hextable CC reported that they had had a reasonably successful season and expressed their thanks to New Ash Green CC for its work in preparing the cricket square.

Mr Bushell left the meeting at 8.06p.m.

6. Football at Manor Field

a) Report from Hartley De Sales FC

Hartley De Sales reported that the corner positions on the new junior pitch had been marked and two corner positions on the senior pitch marked to allow the marking out of the pitches to take place.

At the last meeting Hartley De Sales had agreed to erect the new goal posts for the new junior pitch themselves but in view of the fact that the Council requires a written assurance from the socket installers that they have been installed in accordance with FA guidelines the club felt that their public liability insurance would not cover them for this and that they were therefore unable to perform this task.

Cllr Barnett confirmed that Mr Munday has been asked to provide a quotation to carry out this work but that this has not yet been received. Hartley De Sales told the Committee that they would be prepared meet the cost of the installation, it was just the stringent health and safety conditions relating to the installation that prevented them from carrying out the work. It was agreed that the Clerk/Assistant Clerk would contact Hartley De Sales once arrangements have been finalised.

b) Fees for the 2004/05 season

Cllr Barnett confirmed that the fees due for the 2004/05 season would be £280.00 per team which, as Hartley De Sales will have four teams would amount to £1120.00. Hartley De Sales queried this sum as two of the teams will be youth teams.

RESOLVED: That,
This item be deferred to the next meeting.

The Committee was informed that the season would commence on 12th September 2004.

Mr Stringer and Mr Thompson left the meeting at 8.19p.m.

7. Financial Statement

RESOLVED: That,
The summary of receipts and payments indicating the net position of the Council's open spaces and Manor Field Pavilion be received and noted.

8. Budget 2005/06

The Committee considered the budget for the allotments, the Council's open spaces and Manor Field Pavilion for the year 2005/06

RESOLVED: That,
the budget for the allotments, the Council's open spaces and the Manor Field Pavilion for the year 2005/06 as attached as appendix 1 to these minutes, be presented to the Finance Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

9. Manor Field and the Pavilion

(a) Vertical Blinds

At the last meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces committee a recommendation was put to the Council that the quotation from Hillarys for the sum of £299.00 to supply and fit vertical blinds to the full height windows and doors in the Pavilion overlooking the field be accepted.

It was resolved at the meeting of the Council on 12th July 2004 that consideration of the purchase and installation of the blinds be deferred to the next meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee pending receipt of information as to the fireproofness of the vertical blinds.

Hillarys have confirmed that the blinds are fire retardant and the Committee inspected a sample of the material to be used.

The Committee felt that the original plan to fit the blinds on the outside of the window/door recess would not be practical and agreed that the blinds should be fitted within the recess.

RECOMMENDED: That,
the quotation from Hillarys for the sum of £299.00 to supply and fit vertical blinds to the full height windows and doors in the Pavilion overlooking the field be accepted subject to the amendment that they are fitted within the recess rather than outside the recess.

(b) Trim Trail

The Committee received a report from Cllr Sewell and Cllr Tremain on the provision of a trim trail on Manor Field.

Cllrs Sewell and Tremain informed the Committee that they had measured out the distance around Manor Field but concluded that at only 600metres it was too small for a trim trail.

RESOLVED: That,
no further action be taken on the provision of a trim trail on Manor Field.

(c) Asbestos Survey

The Committee considered a report on the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002 and noted that a new duty under the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002 came into effect in May 2004 placing a duty on every employer and building owner who has responsibility for the maintenance and repair of non domestic premises to manage the risk from asbestos by:

- 1) Finding out if there is asbestos in the premises, its amount and what condition it is in:

- 2) presuming materials contain asbestos, unless you have strong evidence that they do not;
- 3) making and keeping up to date a record of the location and condition of the asbestos-containing materials or presumed asbestos-containing materials in your premises:
- 4) assessing the risk from the material;
- 5) preparing a plan that sets out in detail how you are going to manage the risk from this material:
- 6) taking steps needed to put your plan into action:
- 7) reviewing and monitoring your plan and the arrangements made to put it in place; and
- 8) providing information on the location and condition of the material to anyone who is liable to work on or disturb it.

There are three recognised levels of asbestos surveys:

Type 1 – Walkthrough survey

Type 2 – A Standard Sampling Survey

Type 3 – A full Sampling Survey

The Committee were advised that Sevenoaks District Council have carried out a type 2 asbestos survey which included a survey report, risk assessment and action plan on all its property which was undertaken by a firm of consultants suitably qualified to undertake such work.

RECOMMENDED: That,
the Clerk be asked to seek quotations from three suitably qualified consultants to undertake a type 2 asbestos survey on the Pavilion at Manor Field and to report back to the Committee.

(d) Acoustics within the Pavilion

The Council has received a number of complaints about the acoustics in the Pavilion. It would appear that some members of the public have difficulty hearing discussions at Council and Committee meetings. Initial enquiries have suggested that, due to the size of the hall, the provision of speakers and microphones would not be appropriate.

The Committee considered what measures could be implemented to improve the acoustics.

RESOLVED: That,
this item be deferred and reassessed once the vertical blinds have been fitted in the Pavilion.

10. Line Marking Equipment

Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council has enquired about the possibility of hiring our recently purchased line marking equipment with a view to asking Mr Munday to mark out their pitches.

The Committee was requested to consider whether it would be prepared to allow Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council to use the line marking machine and if so at what cost.

RESOLVED: That,

Horton Kirby and South Darenth be offered the use of the Council's line marking machine at a charge of £100.00 per season subject to them providing their own line marking paint and entering into an agreement whereby they accept liability for any damage caused to the equipment whilst in transit or in their possession.

11. Rectory Meadow

(a) The Committee considered a draft on the bye-laws for Rectory Meadow

RESOLVED: That,
the draft on the bye-laws as attached as appendix 2 to these minutes be agreed in principle but may be subject to alteration at a later date before being submitted to the Home Office.

(b) The Committee considered an application for funding from the Rail Link Countryside Initiative for the installation of short sections of post and rail fencing along Ash Road, including coppicing low vegetation and provision of interpretive boards.

The North West Kent Countryside Project anticipate that the total cost of the work will be £5,700 and have informed the Council that the application process for funding over £5,000 can be complicated and protracted. They have suggested that the Council contributes £800.00 and applies for £4,900 in funding from the RLCI.

RECOMMENDED: That,
1) the funding application for £4,900 for the works at Rectory Meadow be submitted to the Rail Link Countryside Project and,
2) £800.00 being the remaining cost of the work be met from the Council's General Reserve.

12. Gorse Wood

(a) Trees

At the last meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee it was agreed that in order to comply with the Council's Financial Regulations 11.1b, a second quotation should be sought for the pruning and pollarding of trees allegedly affecting property adjoining woodland owned by the Council at Gorse Wood.

The Committee considered two quotations received from Austin Treework for the sum of £440.00 + VAT and KLJ Tree Services for the sum of £753.80.

RESOLVED: That,
in order to avoid any future liability and as a precautionary measure, the quotation from Austin Treework for the sum of £440.00 + VAT to crown reduce by 50% the two groups of hornbeams and to remove and dispose of the arisings be accepted.

(b) The Committee considered a letter from a resident of Gorsewood Road whose property adjoins woodland owned by the Parish Council at Gorse Wood enquiring whether the Council has any plans to coppice or trim back any of the trees in Gorse Wood as several trees overhang his property.

Cllr Barnett informed the Committee that he had visited the site and noted that several small trees and one large tree bordered the resident's property.

Cllr Barnett did not consider the small trees to be a problem but felt that the services of a tree surgeon should be employed to ascertain as to whether the large tree may cause any problems in the future.

RESOLVED: That,

a tree surgeon be requested to inspect the site and any recommendations be considered at the next meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee.

(c) Litter picking at Gorse Wood

As part of the Routine Maintenance Contract, Mr Munday currently carries out a weekly half an hour litter pick at Gorse Wood. In view of the litter problem at Gorse Wood this is not sufficient time and the Committee was requested to consider whether to extend the time allowed for a litter pick.

RESOLVED: That,
Mr Munday be requested to extend his weekly litter pick at Gorse Wood to One hour.

(d) The Committee considered a proposal from the Youth Committee to designate an area at Gorse Wood for a BMX track.

The Committee considered a letter from the Council's insurance company detailing their requirements should the Council decide to pursue the installation of a BMX track.

RESOLVED: That,
the possibility of the provision of a BMX track be investigated further including what funding may be available and the findings be reported at the next meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee.

13. Pond

At the last meeting of the Committee, it was resolved that the North West Kent Countryside Projects offer of assistance be accepted and that they be asked to attend the site in August.

Cllr Barnett and the Clerk met Rick Bayne on site on 27th August and it was concluded that the only way to keep the water in the pond was to insert a vinyl lining.

Cllr Barnett informed the Committee that the pond used to be an old drovers pond and that as such, it held an historical interest.

RECOMMENDED: That,
the Clerk be requested to explore the possibility of obtaining a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

14. Routine Maintenance Contract

RESOLVED: That,
the checklists completed during the weekly inspections of the Council's open spaces for the months of June and July 2004 and for the Council's playgrounds for the months of May, June and July 2004, be noted.

15. Risk Assessments

In view of the increasing number of claims made against local councils and the likelihood that in the event of a claim the Council's insurers may ask to see documented evidence, the Committee was requested to consider whether it may be necessary to review the Council's position whether it may now be prudent to carry out risk assessments of all land and property, both owned and leased by the Council and all operations undertaken by the Council.

The Committee was informed that Zurich Municipal have compiled a CD-ROM entitled "Practical Guide to Risk Assessment for Local Councils", which provides information and guidance on the principles and philosophy of risk assessment.

RECOMMENDED: That,

the Council purchase the CD-ROM entitled “Practical Guide to Risk Assessments for Local Councils” at a cost of £95.00 plus VAT.

16. Longfield Hill

In view of an increase in dog fouling, the Committee was asked to consider the possibility of purchasing a new dog bin to be installed at Longfield Hill.

RESOLVED: That,
the Clerk be authorised to purchase from Glasdon UK Ltd, 1 no Fido 25 dog bin in dark green, suitable for fixing to a fence for the sum of £69.53 + VAT, plus 1 no banding kit to fit a 70 to 100 mm diameter fence post for the sum of £9.88 and 1 no appropriate power tool kit for the sum of £5.86.

17. Hartley Wood

The Committee considered a letter received from the Council’s solicitor in respect of the disposal of three plots of land at Hartley Wood, asking whether the Council is willing to proceed at a price of £5,000.00.

The Committee agreed that as the land was originally offered as a donation, they would be unwilling to proceed if it involved any cost.

RECOMMENDED: That,
a letter be sent to the member of public who originally offered the three plots of land as a donation, informing them that the Council would still be willing to accept the land as a gift but would not be interested if it involved a cost.

18. Hartley Green

(a) The large bench on Hartley Green was repaired some time ago but the standard of repair was somewhat rudimentary. The Committee was requested to consider whether it wishes to replace the bench.

RECOMMENDED: That,
a new bench be purchased for Hartley Green with the cost being met from the Council’s General Fund.

(b) Statutory undertakers have in the past lopped the tree located on Hartley Green to safeguard the overhead cables. However, the work has not been carried out sympathetically and the Committee was requested to consider whether a quotation should be sought from a tree surgeon to reshape the tree.

RESOLVED: That,
no action be taken.

19. Chantry Avenue

(a) February 2004, the Committee considered letters from a resident of Chantry Avenue in connection with trees located on the Chantry Avenue recreation ground which are allegedly obstructing light to their property. It was resolved that the Council take no action to reduce the height of the three horse chestnut trees and that the matter be reviewed after a period of six months had elapsed.

The Committee were asked to consider a course of action.

RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cllr Tremain, seconded by Cllr Barnett with 2 votes for and 2 votes against with the Chairman exercising his casting vote in favour of the proposal that, the Clerk be authorised to obtain quotations to pollard the trees.

(b) In June 2003, the Committee considered a letter received from a resident in connection with a boundary dispute between his property and the recreation ground. The owner claimed that the existing fence between the two properties was the responsibility of the parish Council. Legal advice received from the District Council confirmed that ownership and responsibility of the fence is not clear. Under the circumstances, the parish Council offered to meet 50% of the cost of repair but the resident responded that he was not in agreement with this offer.

In November 2003, the Committee considered another letter from the resident enclosing extracts from Land Registry. The Committee was satisfied that the information provided by the resident did not conclusively prove that the Council had any liability for repair and maintenance of the fence between the recreation ground and his property.

The Council informed the resident that until such time as he is able to provide sufficient evidence to substantiate his claim, the Council stands by its original offer to bear 50% of the cost of repair as a gesture of goodwill. The resident responded that he was not in agreement with this offer.

It has recently been noted that some sections of the fence have been repaired by the resident and the Committee was requested to consider whether to bear the cost of the repair of the remaining three sections of the fence that are still in need of attention.

After some discussion, the Committee generally agreed that as some of the fence had been repaired, the Council should look into the possibility of, without prejudice, repairing the remaining sections.

RESOLVED: That,

A quotation be invited from T D Munday to undertake repairs to the fence and the matter be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee.

(c) During the routine playground inspections, it was noted that the seat and handles of the frog spring at the Chantry Avenue playground were badly damaged. Quotations had been requested both for the repair and replacement costs of the frog spring.

It was hoped that these quotations would be available for consideration at the meeting but they were not received by the time of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That,

the Clerk be requested to contact T D Munday to make safe the frog spring and that this item be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee once quotations for the replacement/repair have been received.

20. Playground safety Inspection Reports

(a) The Committee considered the Play Area Safety Inspection report dated 16th July 2004 undertaken by RoSPA.

RESOLVED: That,

1) A quotation be invited from Sevenoaks District Council regarding the fault identified with the gate at Chantry Avenue and 2) Mr Munday be asked to provide a quotation to undertake the minor repairs to the play equipment and to provide a quotation to build up the ground levels around the safety surfacing at the Longfield Hill play area identified as a medium risk in the RoSPA report.

(b) In July 2002 the Committee agreed that RoSPA should undertake an additional bi annual safety inspection of the Council's three playgrounds and as a result safety inspections are duly carried out during July/August and January/February of each year. In February 2004, the Committee requested that RoSPA be asked to undertake an assessment of the Council's playgrounds for compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. However, this request was inadvertently omitted from the instruction sent to RoSPA in respect of the recent inspection. A letter has been sent to

RoSPA asking for the assessment to be undertaken in conjunction with the safety inspection to be carried out in January or February 2005.

RESOLVED: That,
the Committee note that a DDA assessment of the three playgrounds will be available for consideration early in the New Year.

(c) The Committee was requested to consider which safety surface area should be considered for replacement during the financial year 2005/06.

It was felt that as the majority of the safety surfacing at Woodlands Avenue had already been replaced, the remaining sections should be renewed.

RESOLVED: That,
the safety surface area to be replaced during the financial year 2005/06 should be the surfacing underneath the swings at Woodlands Avenue.

21. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 29th September 2004 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.45p.m.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Expenditure	Budget 2004/05	Spent so far	Projected expenditure to 1st April 2005	Estimate for year	Budget 2005/06	Notes
Allotments						
Maintenance	450.00	137.56	200.00	337.56	450.00	
Rent	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	
Water	50.00	21.18	25.00	46.18	50.00	
SUB TOTAL	600.00	258.74	225.00	483.74	600.00	
Open Spaces						
Grass cutting	4,250.00	995.00	2,800.00	3,795.00	4,000.00	
Gang mowing	1,800.00	-	1,540.00	1,540.00	1,600.00	
General maintenance	3,000.00	1,317.77	1,500.00	2,817.77	3,000.00	
Routine maintenance contract	5,000.00	1,893.00	2,750.00	4,643.00	5,000.00	
Playground maintenance	3,000.00	1,846.00	5,000.00	6,846.00	5,000.00	04/05 (£2,750 taken from balances for slide safety surface renewal)
Playground inspection	400.00	-	400.00	400.00	400.00	Annual & bi annual inspection
Gorse Wood rubbish clearance	1,500.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	
Dog bins	900.00	334.50	800.00	1,134.50	1,450.00	04/05 (6 bins @ £3.50 per week). 05/06 (purchase 1 no bin)
Rectory Meadow	1,200.00	1,104.00	250.00	1,354.00	1,300.00	05/06 (5 vol days @ £150/day, cutting & disposal £550)
Hartley Wood	150.00	-	150.00	150.00	500.00	
Storage provision Pond	750.00 100.00	-	-	-	500.00	Cupboard shelves, sight screens secure

		-	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	1,000.00	22.50	500.00	522.50	500.00	
Cricket	500.00	-	-	-	-	
Football	200.00	-	364.00	364.00	200.00	04/05 (Purchase football posts)
SUB TOTAL	23,750.00	7,512.77	17,154.00	24,666.77	25,050.00	

Expenditure	Budget 2004/05	Spent so far	Projected expenditure to 1st April 2005	Estimate for year	Budget 2005/06	Notes
Manor Field Pavilion						
Cesspool	800.00	190.00	380.00	570.00	600.00	
Calor gas	500.00	234.88	275.00	509.88	550.00	
Electricity	500.00	248.00	202.00	450.00	500.00	
Water	150.00	82.99	85.00	167.99	175.00	
Rates	1,100.00	980.40	-	980.40	1,100.00	
Cleaning	1,100.00	400.00	560.00	960.00	1,100.00	
Cleaning materials	150.00	32.45	75.00	107.45	150.00	
Maintenance	1,500.00	663.00	1,337.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	
Testing fire extinguishers/electrics	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Miscellaneous	250.00	120.98	125.00	245.98	250.00	
SUB TOTAL						

6,250.00	2,952.7	3,239.00	6,191.70	6,125.00
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Model by-laws

Hartley Parish Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 20 and 106 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and of all the other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following bye-laws for the protection of the Local Nature Reserve at **Rectory Meadow** in the Parish of **Hartley** in the County of **Kent** .

1. In these bye-laws:

a. "The Reserve" shall mean the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole hectares or there abouts and situated in the Parish of **Hartley** in the County of **Kent** declared to be managed as a Local Nature Reserve by the Declaration dated the ***** day of ***** 2004 made by **Hartley Parish Council** in pursuance of Section 19 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and all other powers aforesaid, and the Reserve is for the purpose of identification shown as nearly as may be on the map annexed to these bye-laws and thereon edged black;

b. "The Council" shall mean **Hartley Parish Council**; and

c. "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as in Section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968.

2. Within the Reserve the following acts are hereby prohibited except insofar as they may be authorised by a permit issued by the Council in accordance with the Bye-laws and are necessary to the proper execution of his or her duty by an officer of the Council or by any person, or servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council.

Restriction of access

- i. Entering at any time those parts of the Reserve shown on the attached map or where notice to keep out has been posted by order of the Council.
- ii. Entering any part of the Reserve during the period beginning on the ***** day of ***** and ending on the ***** day of ***** in any year.

Damage to or disturbance of things in the Reserve

- iii. Spreading or using any net, or setting or using any lamp or other instrument or any snare or lure, for the taking, injury or destruction of any living creature.
- iv. Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature.
- v. Taking or intentionally disturbing or destroying the eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages, or the place used for the shelter or protection of any living creature.
- vi. Intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water.
- vii. Climbing or ascending any tree or climbing or placing a ladder or steps against any tree.

Bringing animals into the Reserve

- viii. Intentionally bringing, or permitting to be brought, into the Reserve any living creature, or the egg of any living creature, or any plant, or any seed or any other part of any plant, in such circumstances that it is likely that such creature or plant will reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch, or such seed will germinate.
- ix. Bringing into, or permitting to remain within, the Reserve any dog unless it is kept either on a lead or under proper control, or any other animal unless it is kept under proper control, and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird.

- x. Turning out any animal or poultry to feed or graze.

Areas of water

- xii. Committing any act which pollutes or is likely to cause pollution of any water.
- xiii. ~~Bathing or wading in any water in contravention of a notice exhibited beside that water by order of the Council.~~
- xiv. ~~Water skiing, or any other water based activities or sports, or ice skating.~~
- xv. ~~Sailing model boats.~~
- xvi. ~~Propelling (by any means whatever) any boat on an area or stretch of water, other than a public waterway, in contravention of a notice exhibited beside that water by the Council.~~
- xvii. ~~Mooring or leaving or launching any boat else where than on a beach or mooring site indicated by a notice exhibited by the Council as being available for this purpose.~~
- xviii. Obstructing the flow of any drain or watercourse.

Use of vehicles

- xix. Driving, riding, propelling or leaving any mechanically propelled vehicle (~~including hovercraft~~) elsewhere than on a highway or road, or in a place indicated by a notice as being available for the purpose.
- xx. Operating any aircraft, including hang glider, motorised glider or microlite craft, at such a height that persons on the ground or in buildings may be inconvenienced or annoyed or animals may be disturbed.

Use of certain equipment

- xxii. Using any camera or any apparatus for the transmission, reception, reproduction, or amplification of sound, speech or images by electrical or mechanical means, except apparatus designed and used as an aid to defective hearing and apparatus used in a vehicle so as not to produce sound audible by a person outside the vehicle.
- xxiii. Using any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral.

Use of firearms etc.

- xxiv. Being in possession of a firearm, with ammunition suitable for use in that firearm, or discharging a firearm or lighting a firework.
- xxv. Projecting any missile manually or by artificial means (including by means of crossbow or catapult).

General prohibition

- xxvi. Erecting, occupying or using any tent, shed, caravan or other structure for the purpose of camping elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being available for camping.
- xxvii. Flying any kite or model aircraft.
- xxviii. Erecting any post, rail, fence, pole, stand, building or other structure.
- xxix. Neglecting to shut any gate or to fasten it if any means of doing so are provided.

- xxx. Posting or placing any notice or advertisement.
- xxxi. Selling or offering, or exposing for sale, or letting for hire, any commodity or article, or selling or offering for sale any service.
- xxxii. Engaging in any activity which is causing or likely to cause a disturbance or holding any show, performance, public meeting, exhibition or sports or the playing of any organised games.
- xxxiii. Intentionally or recklessly removing or displacing, any notice board, notice exhibited by order of the Council, apparatus, wall, boundary, bank, fence, barrier, railing, post or hide.
- xxxiv. Roller skating, skiing, tobogganing or skate-boarding.
- xxxv. Lighting of any fire, stove, heater or other appliance capable of causing a fire, elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being available for camping.
- xxxvi. Letting fall or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire.
- xxxvii. Intentionally leaving items in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for deposit of litter and refuse.

Interference with duly authorised officer

- xxviii. Intentionally obstructing any officer of the Council or any person, employed or authorised by the Council in the execution of any works including research or scientific work connected with the laying out, maintenance or management of the Reserve.

3. The shooting of any bird is prohibited in such area adjoining the Reserve as is described in the schedule to these bye-laws.

4. i. The Council may issue permits authorising any person to do any act or class of any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under these bye-laws; and

ii. any such permit shall be issued subject to the following conditions:

a. that it must be carried whenever a visit is made to the Reserve, and produced for inspection when required by a person duly authorised by the Council in that behalf; and

b. that it may be revoked by the Council at any time.

5. These bye-laws shall not operate so as to interfere with the exercise.

i. by a person of:

a. a right vested in him or her as the owner, lessee or occupier of land in the Reserve;

b. any easement or profit a prendre of which he is entitled; and

c. any public right of way.

ii. of any function of a local authority, statutory undertaker or water undertaking; and

iii. by a constable or a member of the armed forces or of any fire brigade or ambulance service of the performance of his or her duty.

6. Any person who offends against any of these bye-laws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the Standard Scale.

7. 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.

