

***Matching Parish Council***

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

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Byelaws made under section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 by Matching Parish Council with respect to Matching Village Green

**PART 1**

**GENERAL**

## **General Interpretation**

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means *Matching Parish Council*

“the ground” means any of the grounds listed in the Schedule

“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;

“invalid carriage” 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 the grounds listed in the Schedule unless otherwise stated.

## **PART 2**

### **PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC**

#### **Unauthorised erection of structures**

3. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

## **PART 3**

### **HORSES, CYCLES AND VEHICLES**

#### **Interpretation of Part 3**

4. 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;

“motor cycle” means a mechanically-propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, 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 an invalid carriage;

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle and includes a caravan.

### **Motor vehicles**

5. (1) 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.
- (2) Where there is a designated route for motor cycles, motor vehicles or trailers, it shall not be an offence under this byelaw to bring into or drive in the ground a vehicle of that class for the sole purpose of transporting it to the route.

### **Overnight parking**

6. No person shall without the consent of the Council leave or cause or permit to be left any motor vehicle in the ground between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m..

## **PART 4**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Obstruction**

7. 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.

#### **Savings**

8. (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**

9. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.

**Penalty**

- 10. 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.

**SCHEDULE**

**GROUND TO WHICH BYELAWS APPLY**

The area of land known as Matching Village Green and marked red on the attached plan below

