

# BYELAWS

## WEST BEACH LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

The Arun District Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 20, 21(4) and 106 of the National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act 1949, in accordance with Section 236 of the Local Government Act 1972 hereby make the following Byelaws for the protection of the Local Nature Reserve at West Beach in the Parish of Littlehampton in the County of West Sussex.

1. In these Byelaws:
  - (a) **'The Reserve'** shall mean the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole 32 hectares or thereabouts and situated in the Parish of Littlehampton in the County of West Sussex declared to be managed as a Local Nature Reserve by the Declaration dated the 23rd day of September 1993 made by the Arun District Council in pursuance of Section 21 of the National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and all other powers aforesaid, and the Reserve is for the purposes of identification shown as nearly as may be on the map annexed to these Byelaws and thereon edged with dotted line;
  - (b) **'The Council'** shall mean the Arun District Council; and
  - (c) **'The 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 Byelaw 3, or 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 hatched on the attached map or where notice to keep out has been posted by order of the Council;

### **Damage to or Disturbance of Things in the Reserve**

- (ii) Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature;
- (iii) 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;
- (iv) Intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water;
- (v) Climbing or ascending any tree or climbing or placing a ladder or steps against any tree.

## **Bringing Animals into the Reserve**

- (vi) Bringing into, or permitting to remain within, the Reserve any dog unless it is kept on a lead or 'at heel', or any other animal unless it is kept under proper control, and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird;
- (vii) Bringing, or permitting to be brought, into the Reserve, except along designated rights of way, any horses, pony or beast of draught or burden.

## **Areas of Water**

- (viii) Committing any act which pollutes or is likely to cause pollution of any water;
- (ix) Water skiing or jet skiing
- (x) Obstructing the flow of any drain or watercourse.

## **Use of Vehicles**

- (xi) 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;
- (xii) 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**

- (xiii) Using any apparatus for the reception, reproduction, or amplification of sound or speech 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.
- (xiv) Using any device designated or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the Reserve.

## **Use of Firearms Etc.**

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

## **General Prohibition**

- (xvii) 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;

- (xviii) Erecting any post, rail, fence, pole, stand, building or other structure;
- (xix) Neglecting to shut any gate or to fasten it if any means of doing so are provided;
- (xx) Posting or placing any notice or advertisement;
- (xxi) Selling or offering, or exposing for sale, or letting for hire or offering or exposing for letting for hire, any commodity or article, or selling or offering for sale any service;
- (xxii) Engaging in any activity which is causing or likely to cause a disturbance or holding any show, performance, public meeting, or exhibition;
- (xxiii) Intentionally or recklessly removing or displacing any notice board, notice exhibited order of the Council, apparatus, wall, boundary bank, fence, barrier, railing, post or hide;
- (xxiv) 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;
- (xxv) Letting fall or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire;
- (xxvi) Intentionally leaving items in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for deposit of litter or refuse.

### **Interference with Duly Authorised Officer**

- (xxvii) Intentionally obstructing any Officer of the Council or any person, or the servant of 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 Council may issue Permits authorising any person to do any act or class of acts within the Reserve or any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under these Byelaws.
- Any such Permit shall be issued subject to the following conditions:
- (i) 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
  - (ii) that it may be revoked by the Council at any time.
4. These Byelaws shall not operate so as to interfere with the exercise:
- (i) by a person of:
    - (a) a right vested in him or her as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the reserve;

(b) any easement or profit, a prebend to 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

(ii) by a Constable or a member of the armed forces or any Fire Brigade or Ambulance Service of the performance of his or her duty

5. Any person who offends against any of these Byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 2 as laid down in the Criminal Justice Act and, in any case of a continuing offence, to a further fine for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.

**THE COMMON SEAL** of the  
**ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL** )  
was hereunto affixed this 25th day )  
of May 1995 in the presence of:- )



**Douglas Hamilton**

Authorised Signatory

The Secretary of State confirmed these  
byelaws on 4 July 1995

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