

# Bradfield Rural District Council.

COMMONS ACT, 1899.

## *Brewery Common, Stratfield Mortimer.*

### **SCHEME.**

Description of  
common and  
Management  
by District  
Council.

1. The piece of land with the ponds, streams, paths, and roads thereon, commonly known as Brewery Common, situate in the parish of Stratfield Mortimer in the County of Berks, and hereinafter referred to as "the common," as the same is delineated in a plan sealed by and deposited at the office of the Rural District Council of Bradfield, hereinafter called "the Council," and thereon coloured green, being a "Common" within the meaning of the Commons Act, 1899, shall henceforth be regulated by this Scheme, and the management thereof shall be vested in the Council.

Appointment of  
officers.

2. The powers of the Council generally as to appointing or employing officers and servants and paying them under the general Acts applicable to the Council shall apply to all such persons as in the judgment of the Council may be necessary and proper for the preservation of order on and the enforcement of byelaws with respect to the common and otherwise for the purposes of this Scheme, and the Council may make rules for regulating the duties and conduct of the several officers and servants so appointed and employed and may alter such rules as occasion may require.

Protection and  
improvement of  
common.

3. The Council may execute any necessary works of drainage, raising, levelling, or fencing, or other works for the protection and improvement of the common, and shall preserve the turf, shrubs, trees, plants, and grass thereon, and for this purpose may, for short periods, enclose by fences such portions as may require rest to revive the same, and may plant trees and shrubs for shelter or ornament, and may place or erect seats, shelters, pavilions, drinking fountains and conveniences upon and light the common and otherwise improve the common as a place for exercise or recreation; but the Council shall do nothing that may otherwise vary or alter the natural features or aspect of the common or interfere with free access to every part thereof, and shall not erect upon the common any shelter, pavilion or other building without the previous consent of the person entitled to the soil of the common.

Against en-  
croachments.

4. The Council shall maintain the common free from all encroachments, and shall not permit any trespass on or partial or other enclosure of any part thereof.

Public right of  
access and  
recreation.

5. The inhabitants of the district and neighbourhood shall have a right of free access to every part of the common and a privilege of playing games and of enjoying other species of recreation thereon, subject to any byelaws made by the Council under this Scheme.

Maintenance and  
construction of  
paths and roads.

6. The Council shall have power to repair and maintain the existing paths and roads on the common and to set out, construct, and maintain or authorise the construction and maintenance of such new paths and roads on the common as appear to the Council to be necessary or expedient, and to take any proceedings necessary for the stopping or diversion of any highway over the common.



Fencing of  
quarries, etc.

7. The Council may, for the prevention of accidents, fence any quarry, pit, pond, stream, or other like place on the common.

Games, etc.

8. The Council may set apart for games any portion or portions of the common as they may consider expedient, and may form cricket grounds and may allow the same to be temporarily enclosed with any open fence, so as to prevent cattle and horses from straying thereon; but such grounds shall not be so near to any dwelling-house or road as to create a nuisance or be an annoyance to the inhabitants of the house or to persons using the road.

Byelaws.

9. The Council may, for the prevention of nuisances and the preservation of order on the common, and subject to the provisions of Section 10 of the Commons Act, 1899, make, revoke, and alter byelaws for any of the following purposes, viz. :—

- (a) For prohibiting the deposit on the common, or in any pond or stream thereon, of road-sand, materials for repair of roads, dung, rubbish, litter, wood or other matter.
- (b) For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from digging, cutting, or taking turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay, or other substance on or from the common, and from cutting, felling, or injuring any gorse, heather, timber, or other tree, shrub, brush-wood, or other plant growing on the common.
- (c) For regulating the place and mode of digging and taking turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay, or other substance, and cutting, felling, and taking trees or underwood on or from the common in exercise of any right of common or other right over the common.
- (d) For prohibiting the injury, defacement, or removal of seats, shelters, pavilions, fences, notice-boards, or other things put up or maintained by the Council on the common.
- (e) For prohibiting or regulating the posting or painting of bills, placards, advertisements, or notices on trees or fences, erections or notice-boards on the common.
- (f) For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from bird catching, setting traps or nets, or liming trees or laying snares for birds or other animals, taking birds' eggs or nests, and shooting or chasing game or other animals on the common.
- (g) For prohibiting or regulating the drawing, driving or placing upon the common without lawful authority of any carriage, cart, caravan, truck, motor vehicle, motor cycle, aeroplane, flying machine or other vehicle, and the erecting or permitting to remain on the common, without the consent of the Council or other lawful authority, of any building, shed, tent, fence, post, railing, or other structure, whether used in connection with the playing of games or not.
- (h) For prohibiting (except in the case of a fair lawfully held) or regulating the placing on the common of any photographic cart, or of any show, exhibition, swing, roundabout, or other like thing.
- (i) For prohibiting or regulating the lighting of any fire on the common.
- (j) For prohibiting or regulating the firing or discharge of firearms or the throwing or discharge of missiles on the common.
- (k) For regulating games to be played and other means of recreation to be exercised on the common, and assemblages of persons thereon.
- (l) For regulating the use of any portion of the common temporarily enclosed or set apart under this scheme for any purpose.



- (m) For prohibiting or regulating horses being exercised or broken in without lawful authority by grooms or others on the common.
- (n) For prohibiting or regulating the landing or departure of any aeroplanes and flying machines on or from the common.
- (o) For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from turning out or permitting to remain on the common any cattle, sheep, or other animals.
- (p) For prohibiting any person from bathing in any pond or stream on the common save in accordance with regulations made by the Council.
- (q) Generally, for prohibiting or regulating any act or thing tending to injury or disfigurement of the common or to interference with the use thereof by the public for the purposes of exercise and recreation.
- (r) For authorising any officer of the Council, after due warning, to remove from the common any vehicle or animal drawn, driven or placed or any structure erected or placed thereon in contravention of any byelaw made under this Scheme or to exclude from the common any person who within his view commits, or whom he reasonably suspects of committing an offence against any such byelaw or against the Vagrancy Act, 1824.
- (s) For prohibiting the hindrance or obstruction of an officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under this Scheme or under any byelaws made thereunder.

Publication of  
byelaws on  
common.

10. All byelaws made under this Scheme shall be published on notice-boards placed on such parts of the common (not less than two) as to the Council may appear desirable.

Saving of  
rights, etc., in  
the soil and  
highways.

11. Nothing in this Scheme or any byelaw made thereunder shall prejudice or affect any right of the person entitled as lord of the manor or otherwise to the soil of the common or of any person claiming under him which is lawfully exercisable in, over, under, or on the soil or surface of the common in connection with game, or with mines, minerals, or other substrata or otherwise, or prejudice or affect any right of the commoners in or over the common or the lawful use of any highway or thoroughfare on the common, or affect any power or obligation to repair any such highway or thoroughfare.

Copies of  
Schemes and  
byelaws.

12. Printed copies of this Scheme and of any byelaws made thereunder shall at all times be sold at the office of the Council to all persons desiring to buy the same at a price not exceeding threepence each.

The Common Seal of the Bradfield  
Rural District Council was hereunto  
affixed this ninth day of May 1927

*W. Jones* Chairman.  
*Francis B. [unclear]* Clerk.



Approved by order of the  
Minister of Agriculture  
and Fisheries this ninth  
day of June 1927.

*Proved*  
Authorised by the Minister

1927.

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