

COMMONS ACT, 1899.

LINDFIELD COMMON.

S C H E M E.

Description of
Common and
Management by
District Council.

1.—The Piece of Land, with the Ponds thereon, including the large Pond known as Lindfield Pond or Town Pond, and the Paths and Roads traversing the same, commonly known as LINDFIELD COMMON, situate in the Parish of Lindfield, in the County of Sussex, and hereinafter referred to as "The Common," as the same are delineated in a Plan deposited at the Office of the Rural District Council of Cuckfield, hereinafter called "The Council," and thereon coloured green, and the said Pond being coloured blue, shall henceforth for all purposes of this Scheme be regulated and managed by 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 Bye-laws 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 works of drainage, raising, levelling, or fencing or other works for the protection and improvement of the Common so far only as may be required for the purposes of the Commons Act, 1899, and may do any work necessary for the proper repair of any footpath on the Common, and shall preserve the turf, shrubs, trees, plants and grass thereon, including all trees on the strip of land coloured green on the said Plan and lying between the road and the pavement from Lindfield Pond aforesaid to Black Hill, 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 seats upon and light the Common, and otherwise make the Common more pleasant as a place for exercise or recreation, but 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. Provided also, that the Council 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
Encroachments.

4.—The Council shall maintain the Common, as delineated in the Plan deposited as above mentioned, free from all encroachments, and shall not permit any trespass on or partial or other enclosure of any part thereof, and no fences, posts, rails, sheds or buildings, whether used in connection with the playing of games or not, or other matters or things shall be maintained, fixed or erected thereon without the consent in writing of the Council.

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 enjoying other species of recreation thereon, subject to any Bye-laws 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 traversing the Common, and to set out, make and maintain such new paths and roads over the Common as appear to the Council to be necessary or expedient.

Fencing of
Quarries, &c.

7.—The Council may, for the prevention of accidents, fence any quarry, pit, pond or other like place upon the Common.

Games, &c.

8.—The Council may set apart any portion or portions of the Common as they may consider expedient for games, 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 straying thereon, but such grounds shall not be laid out so near to any dwelling-house as to create a nuisance, or be an annoyance to the inhabitants thereof.

Bye-laws.

9.—The Council may, for the prevention of nuisances and the preservation of order upon the Common, and subject to the provisions of Section 10 of the Commons Act, 1899, make Bye-laws for any of the following purposes, viz.:—

- (a) The prevention of encroachments, and of the deposit of road-sand, materials for the repair of the roads, dung, rubbish, flints, wood, or other matter on, and of the illegal digging, cutting, or taking of turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay, or other substances on or from the Common, and of the illegal cutting, felling, or injury any gorse, heather, timber, or other trees, shrubs, brushwood, or other plants for the time being growing thereon;
- (b) The prevention of injury to or defacement or removal of seats, fences, or barriers, or notice boards, or other things put up or maintained by the Council on the Common;
- (c) The prevention of injury to or disfigurement of fences or trees on the Common by the posting or painting thereon of bills, placards, advertisements, or notices;
- (d) The prevention of bird-catching, illegal setting of traps or nets, or liming trees or laying snares of any description for birds or other animals, taking of birds' eggs or nests, and illegal shooting or chasing of game or other animals on the Common, or brought there for the purpose of being shot or chased;
- (e) The regulation of games to be played and other means of recreation on the Common, and of assemblages of persons thereon, and the prevention or regulation of vehicles being driven, or horses being exercised by grooms or others on or across the Common;
- (f) The exclusion or removal of gamblers, card-sharpers, squatters, vagrants, sellers and exhibitors of infamous books, prints, photographs, or pictures, or persons guilty of brawling, fighting, or quarrelling, or using indecent or improper language, or any idle or disorderly persons;
- (g) The regulation as to place and mode of digging and taking gravel, sand, or other substances from, and of cutting and felling of trees and underwood growing upon the Common, in exercise of any right of common or other right over or upon the Common;
- (h) The prevention of persons from illegally turning out or permitting cattle, sheep or other animals to graze or feed or remain upon the Common;
- (i) Generally, for the prevention or restraint of any act or thing tending to the injury or disfigurement of the Common, or to interfere with the use thereof by the public for the purposes of exercise and recreation.

Saving of Rights
in the Soil.

10.—Nothing in this Scheme shall prejudice or affect any right of the person entitled 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.

Saving of Right
to hold Fair.

11.—Nothing in or done under this Scheme shall affect the Fair held annually on the Common on the 8th August, nor any rights, powers or privileges lawfully exercised by any person in connection therewith, and any Bye-laws made by the Council shall provide for the holding of the said Fair on the Common as heretofore accustomed, and for the maintenance and preservation of all rights, powers and privileges hitherto enjoyed in connection therewith.

Copies of Scheme.

12.—Printed copies of this Scheme 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 sixpence each.

Given under the seal of the Cuckfield Rural District Council this eighth day of June, 1900.

(Signed) JOHN J. LISTER,
Chairman.

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Approved by Order of the Board of Agriculture the 21st day of June, 1900.

(Signed) T. H. ELLIOTT,
Secretary.

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