**Hellingly Parish Council**

**Summary of By-Laws**

**These By-Laws are effective from 11 October 2014 and are in respect of pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces as listed below:**

Lower Horsebridge Recreation Ground

Lower Dicker Recreation Ground

Hellingly Country Park

In summary the By-Laws cover:

* **Protection of the ground, its wildlife and the public**
  + Nothing should be removed or damaged
  + Nothing should be erected without permission
  + Climbing is not allowed on walls, fences, trees etc.
  + No animals should be allowed to graze on the land without permission
  + Wild animals should not be killed, injured or disturbed.
  + Gates should not be left open
  + Camping is not allowed without permission of the Council
  + Fires should not be lit and BBQs are not allowed
  + Throwing of objects that may cause injury is not allowed
  + Life-saving equipment should not be removed or tampered with.
* **Horses, cycles and vehicles**
  + Horses should not be ridden in any of the grounds
  + Cycles should be ridden with care to avoid danger to others
  + No cars should be driven onto the grounds except by permission from the Council or in areas customarily used.
  + No vehicles should be left in the grounds between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless consent has been received from the Council
* **Play areas, games and sports**
  + Persons in Children’s play areas should be under the age of 14 unless in charge of a child under 14
  + People over the age of 16 should not use equipment specified for the use of children below the age of 16
  + It is an offence to break any rules of the designated area for playing ball games.
  + Archery is not allowed
  + Javelin, hammer, discus and shot are not allowed unless at an organised event
  + Golf is not allowed
* **Waterways**
  + Bathing and swimming is not allowed in any waterways
  + Stepping onto frozen waterways is not allowed
  + Power driven model boats should not be used on any waterway
  + Fishing is only allowed with a valid licence from Hellingly Parish Council
  + Watercourses should not be obstructed or diverted in any way
* **Model Aircraft**
  + Power driven model aircraft are not allowed
* **Other regulated activities**
  + Unless permission has been given by the Council no service for which a charge is payable should be offered or goods sold
  + Excessive noise is not allowed, unless at an event being held with the Council’s consent
  + Organised shows or performances are only allowed with permission from the Council
  + The landing or taking off from the grounds in an aircraft, helicopter, hang glider or hot air balloon is only allowed with consent or in an emergency
  + The flying of kites should not cause a nuisance
  + Metal detecting is only allowed with the consent of the Council
* **Miscellaneous**
  + Officers of the Council or anyone carrying out work on behalf of the Council should not be obstructed in any way
  + Anyone offending against any of these By-Laws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a police officer
  + If convicted of offending against these By-Laws a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale may be payable.

*Parish Clerk*

*November 2014*