

SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
BYELAWS
PUBLIC WALKS AND PLEASURE GROUNDS

**DOGS PROHIBITED FROM THE GROUNDS, REMOVAL OF CANINE
FAECES AND DOGS ON LEADS**

Byelaws made by Sleaford Town Council under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 with respect to public walks and pleasure grounds.

1. EXTENT

- 1) Byelaw 3 applies to the public walks and pleasure grounds or parts thereof described in Schedule 1, hereafter referred to as 'the dog prohibited areas'.
- 2) Byelaws 4 and 5 apply to the public walks and pleasure grounds described in schedule 2, hereafter referred to as 'the canine faeces removal areas'.
- 3) Byelaw 6 applies to the public walks and pleasure grounds or parts thereof described in schedule 3, hereafter referred to as the 'dogs on leads areas'.
- 4) Byelaw 6 does not apply in respect of any dogs to which section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 applies.
- 5) Notice of the effect of these byelaws shall be given by signs placed in conspicuous positions at the entrances to each of the dog prohibited areas, and at the entrances or on the approaches to each of the canine faeces removal areas and each of the dogs on leads areas.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 1) In these byelaws:

'the Council' means the Sleaford Town Council.
- 2) For the purpose of these byelaws the keeper of the dog shall be deemed in charge thereof, unless the dog had been placed in or taken into the charge of some other person at the time when an offence under these byelaws had been committed.
- 3) In paragraph 2) above, 'the keeper' shall include the owner of the dog or any person who habitually has it in his possession.

3. DOGS PROHIBITED FROM THE GROUNDS

- 1) No person (other than a registered blind person) in charge of a dog shall, without reasonable excuse, permit the dog to enter or remain in any of the dog prohibited areas.**
- 2) An officer of the Council or any constable may require a person in charge of a dog which has entered any of the dog prohibited areas to remove the dog therefrom.**

REMOVAL OF CANINE FAECES

- 4. Every person (other than a registered blind person) in charge of a dog which is in any of the canine faeces removal areas who, without reasonable excuse, fails to remove forthwith from any such area any faeces deposited from the dog shall be guilty of an offence.**
- 5. For the purposes of compliance with byelaw 4 the following provisions shall apply:**
 - a. It shall be a sufficient removal from the canine faeces removal areas if the faeces are deposited in a receptacle within such an area which has been provided for that purpose by the Council;**
 - b. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it shall not be a reasonable excuse that a person in charge of a dog did not have with him any means of removal of the faeces.**

DOGS ON LEADS

- 6. No person in charge of a dog shall, without reasonable excuse, permit the dog to enter or remain in any of the dogs on leads areas unless the dog is held on a lead and is restricted from behaviour giving reasonable grounds for annoyance.**

REMOVAL OF OFFENDERS

- 7. Any person offending against byelaws 3(1), 4 or 6 may be removed from the grounds by any officer of the Council or any constable.**

PENALTY

8. Any person offending against byelaws 3(1), 4 or 6 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

SCHEDULE 1

The dog prohibited areas referred to in byelaw 1(1) are:

Under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875.

Meadowfield Playing Field, Sleaford
Lincoln Road Playing Field, Sleaford
Childrens' Play Area, Boston Road, Sleaford
Football Pitches, Boston Road, Sleaford

SCHEDULE 2

The canine faeces removal areas referred to in byelaw 1(2) are:

Under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875.

The Recreation Ground, Boston Road, Sleaford
Castle Field, Castle Causeway, Sleaford
George Street, Playing Field, Sleaford
Woodside Playing Field, Sleaford
Monument Corner Gardens, Southgate, Sleaford
Picnic Area, Off Eastgate Car Park, Sleaford

SCHEDULE 3

The dogs on leads areas referred to in byelaw 1(3) are:

Under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875.

Castle Field, Castle Causeway, Sleaford
George Street Playing Field, Sleaford
Monument Corner Gardens, Southgate, Sleaford
Picnic Area, Off Eastgate Car Park, Sleaford