
WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

BYELAWS FOR THE SEASHORE AT WEST BEXINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF DORSET

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SCHEDULE 1 - areas of seashore to which byelaws apply

Byelaws made under section 82 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 by West Dorset District Council for the prevention of danger, obstruction, or annoyance to persons using the seashore.

Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

"the Council" means West Dorset District Council

"designated area" means an area of the seashore which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

"seashore" means all that area of beach and foreshore including all steps, ramps, paths and jetties from time to time situated between the level of low water mark of medium tides and the inshore boundaries defined in the Schedule attached hereto

Application

2. These byelaws apply to all areas of seashore listed in the Schedule.

Fishing

3. No person shall fish from the seashore in such a manner as to cause danger, obstruction or annoyance to any person using the seashore.

Sandlines

4. No sandlines shall be laid in such a position as to be likely to cause injury to any person using the seashore, and all sandlines shall be visibly marked.

Bait digging

5. No person shall dig for fishing bait for commercial purposes except with the consent of the Council.

Horse riding

6. No person shall break in or ride or drive any horse or other animal on the seashore in such a manner as to cause danger or annoyance to any other person.

Games

7. No person shall on the seashore play or participate in any game or sport so as to cause danger, obstruction or annoyance to any person.

Trading

8. No person shall—
 - (a) sell or hawk any article or any food or drink;
 - (b) advertise or solicit custom for any service; or

- (c) distribute handbills, circulars or advertisements,

in such a manner as to cause obstruction or annoyance to any person on the seashore.

Parties

9. (1) No person shall hold a party on the seashore without the consent of the Council.
- (2) In byelaw 11(1), "party" means an event attended by 15 or more people at which music will be played.

Aircraft

10. No person shall except in cases of emergency start, take, off or land an aircraft on any part of the seashore except on such part as—
- (a) is designated by the Council for the starting, taking off or landing of aircraft; and
- (b) is licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority as an aerodrome.

Kites and kite buggies

11. No person shall on the seashore fly any kite or drive any vehicle powered by a kite in such a manner as to cause danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person on the seashore.

Unauthorised erection of structures

12. (1) No person shall erect or place on the seashore any booths, tents, sheds, stands, stalls, shows, exhibitions, swings, roundabouts, or any other structure, whether fixed or movable, except in a designated area for such structures.
- (2) Byelaw 14(1) shall not apply to the use of personal windbreaks.

Removal of signs and structures

13. No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from the seashore or displace any barrier, post or seat or any part of any structure or ornament or any notice or flag displayed by or on behalf of the Council or any other competent authority.

Interference with life-saving appliances

14. No person shall except in case of emergency remove from the seashore or displace any life-saving appliance provided by or on behalf of the Council or any other competent authority.

Obstruction

15. No person shall on the seashore—
- (a) obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
 - (b) obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of a contract with the Council.

Savings

Savings for acts done by Council officers and contractors

16. It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty or for any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of that contract.

Savings to protect rights of the Crown

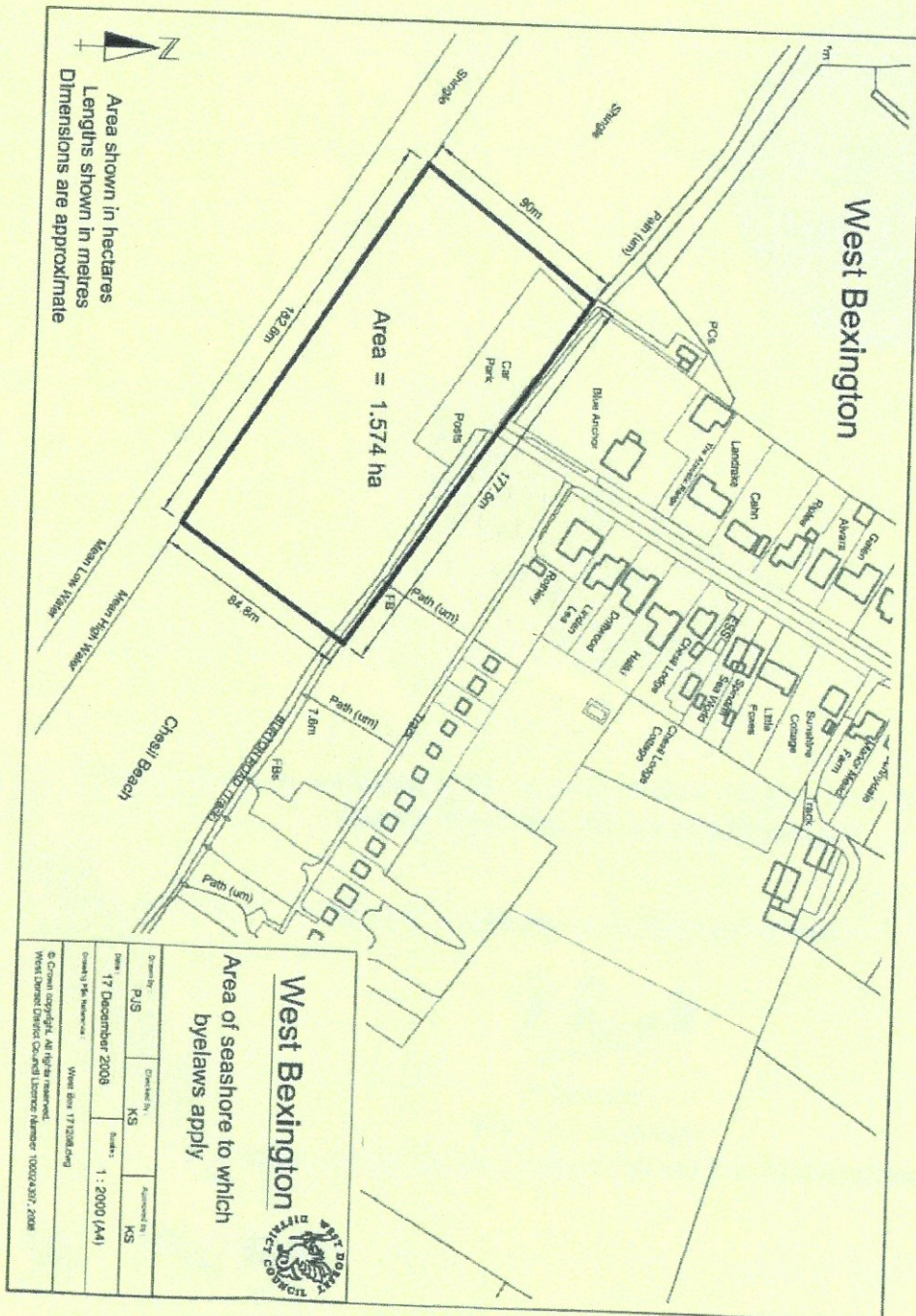
17. Nothing in or done under these byelaws shall—
- (a) operate as a grant by or on behalf of the Crown as owner of the foreshore below high water mark of any estate or interest in or right over the foreshore or any part of it;
 - (b) prejudice the rights and interests of the Crown
 - (c) prevent the exercise of any public rights; or
 - (d) affect any right, power or privilege legally exercisable by any person in, over and in respect of the foreshore.

Penalty

18. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

SCHEDULE 1 **AREAS OF SEASHORE TO WHICH BYELAWS APPLY**

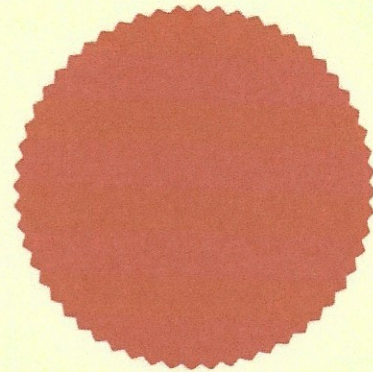
The area shown edged with a thick black line on the plan below, (which comprises an area from just outside of the western edge of the car-park line through to a point on the eastern side approximately the same width again as the car park frontage and which extends down to the mid-tidal point of the waters edge).



The COMMON SEAL of WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL
was hereunto affixed in the presence of :-

Robert A. Gould..... Leader
Chairman

Bartholomew..... Chief Executive



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These byelaws are confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation one
calendar month after the date of confirmation

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

P Rowsell

P Rowsell
Senior Civil Servant
in the Department for Communities and Local Government

Date: 1 May 2009