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2. These bye-laws shall have effect with regard to the Grounds.
3. Nothing in these bye-laws shall -
 - (a) interfere with or prevent the carrying on of any work in, or supervision and management of, the Grounds by officers of the Council or any other person so authorised by the Council;
 - (b) prevent the Council from entering into an agreement in respect of the use of the Grounds or any part thereof and pursuant to which an act is permitted which would otherwise be prohibited.

Public Access

4. It shall be an offence for any person to -
 - (a) enter or leave the Grounds except by way of the gates or other authorised access points provided by the Council for that purpose;
 - (b) enter or remain in the Grounds at any time that they are closed to the public.

Protection of Property

5. It shall be an offence for any person to -
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 - (b) affix any unauthorised notice, banner or bill, or attach any bicycle or other article to any wall, fence, gate, hedge or tree, or any statue or other structure;
 - (c) climb any tree or any statue or other structure;
 - (d) wilfully damage, deface or displace any statue or other structure or any seat, ornament, barrier, or any machine or implement provided for the purposes of the Grounds;
 - (e) light any fire;
 - (f) use a metal detector;
 - (g) ride a bicycle, or ride on a skate-board or roller boots, or any similar apparatus.

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6. It shall be an offence for any person to wilfully -
 - (a) damage, remove, cut or interfere with any turf, or any flower, shrub, tree or other plant;
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Protection of the Public

7. It shall be an offence for any person to -
 - (a) throw or discharge any missile or play any ball game;
 - (b) use abusive, indecent, or obscene language likely to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons;
 - (c) play any radio, cassette player or similar device, or any musical instrument in a manner likely to disturb or give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons;
 - (d) operate any power-driven model toy or aircraft;
 - (e) wilfully obstruct, disturb or annoy any member of the public resorting to the Grounds;

General Management

8. It shall be an offence for any person to -
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9. (a) No person shall preach, lecture, or take part in any meeting for political, religious, or any other purpose, or take part in any public show, performance or demonstration, except with the prior consent of the Council and in such part of the Grounds as may be set aside by the Council for that purpose.
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Dogs and Other Animals

10. (a) A person having charge of a dog shall keep the dog on a lead and under proper control, and restrained from giving reasonable cause for annoyance or alarm to other person, provided that the requirement to keep the dog on a lead shall not apply in the case of a registered blind person.
 - (b) A person shall not bring into the Grounds any animal (other than a dog) the presence of which is likely to give reasonable cause of alarm to other persons.

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