

Warmley Rural District Council.

Siston Common.

SCHEME

For the management of the Common, as
approved by the Board of Agriculture.

WARMLEY
May, 1904.

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS,
SOLICITOR,
Clerk.

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1. The pieces of land, with the ponds, paths, and roads, thereon, commonly known as Siston Commons, Webb's Heath, and Goose Green, situate in the parish of Siston, in the County of Gloucester, and hereinafter referred to as "the Common," as the same are delineated in a Plan deposited at the office of Warmley Rural District Council, hereinafter called "the Council," and thereon coloured green, being a Common within the meaning of the Commons Act, 1899, shall henceforth be regulated by the Scheme, and the management thereof shall be vested in the Council.

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 judgement 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 purpose 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.

3. The Council may execute an works of drainage, raising, levelling, or fencing, or other works, for the protection and improvement of the Common, and shall preserve the turf, shrubs, trees, plants, and grass thereon, 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 improve the Common as a place for exercise and recreation bu the Council 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, and shall not erect upon the Common any shelter, pavilion, or other building, without the previous consent of the lord of the manor or other the person entitled to the soil of the Common.

4. The Council shall maintain the Common free from all encroachments, and shall not permit any trespass on or partial or other enclosure of any part thereof.

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 or recreation thereon, subject to any bye-laws made by the Council under this Scheme.

6. The Parish Pound and the Well on Webb's Heath shall, so far as possible, be preserved by the Council.

7. The Council shall have power to repair and maintain the existing paths and roads on the Common, and to set out, make, and maintain such new paths on the Common as appear to the Council to be necessary or expedient, and to take any proceedings necessary for the stopping or diversion of any highway over the Common.

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

9. The Council may set apart for games any portion or portions of the Common as they may consider expedient, 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.

10. The Council may for the prevention of nuisances add the preservation of order on the Common, and subject to the provisions of Section 10 of the Commons Act, 1899, make, revoke, and alter bye-laws for any of the following purposes, viz. :

(a) For prohibiting the deposit on the Common or in any pond thereon of road sand materials for repair of roads, dung, rubbish, wood, or other matter.

(b) For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from digging, cutting, or taking turf sods, gravel, clay, or other substance on or from the Common, and from cutting, felling, or injuring any gorse, heather, timber, or other tree, shrub, brushwood, or other plant growing on the Common.

(c) For regulating the place and mode of digging and taking turf sods, gravel, sand, clay, or other substance, and cutting, felling, and taking trees or underwood on or from the Common in exercise of any right of common or other right over the Common.

(d) For prohibiting the injury, defacement, or removal of seats, fence, notice boards, or other things put up or maintained by the Council on the Common.

(e) For prohibiting or regulating the posting or painting of bills, placards, advertisements, or notices on trees or fences, or notice boards on the Commons.

(f) For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from bird catching, setting traps or nets, or liming trees, or laying snares for birds or other animals, taking birds eggs or nests, and shooting or chasing game or other animals on the Common.

(g) For prohibiting or regulating the drawing without lawful authority upon the Common of any carriage, cart, caravan, truck, or other vehicle, and the erecting or permitting to remain on the Common without the consent of the Council or other lawful authority any building, shed, tent, fence, post, railing, or other structure, whether used in connection with the playing of games or not, and for authorising an officer of the Council to remove from the Common any vehicle drawn upon the Common, and any structure erected thereon in contravention of any such bye-law.

(h) For prohibiting (except in the case of a fair lawfully held) or regulating the placing on the Common of any photographic cart, or of any show, exhibition, swing, roundabout, or other like thing, and for authorising an officer of the Council to remove from the Common anything placed upon the Common in contravention of any such bye-law.

(j) For prohibiting or regulating the lighting of any fire on the Common.

(k) For prohibiting or regulating the firing or discharge of firearms, or the throwing or discharge of missiles on the Common.

(l) For regulating games to be played and other means of recreation to be exercised on the Common, and assemblages of persons thereon.

(m) For regulating the use of any portion of the Common temporarily enclosed or set apart under this scheme for any purpose.

(n) For prohibiting or regulating horses being exercised or broken in without lawful authority by grooms or others on the Common.

(o) For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from turning out or permitting to remain on the Common, any cattle, sheep, or other animals, and for authorising an officer of the Council to remove from the Common any cattle, sheep, or other animal being upon the Common in contravention of any such bye-law.

(p) Generally, for prohibiting or regulating any act or thing tending to injury or disfigurement of the Common, or to interference with the use thereof by the public for the purposes of exercise and recreation.

(q) For authorising an officer of the Council, after due warning, to remove or exclude from the Common any person who, within his views, commits, or whom he reasonably suspects of committing, an offence against any bye-law made under this Scheme, or against the Vagrancy Act, 1824.

(r) For prohibiting the hindrance or obstruction of an officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under this Scheme, or under any bye-laws made thereunder.

11. All bye-laws made under this Scheme shall be published on notice boards placed on such parts of the Common not less than five as to the Council may appear desirable.

12. Nothing in this Scheme, or any bye-law thereunder, shall prejudice or affect any right of the person entitled as Lord of the manor, or otherwise 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 ; or prejudice, or affect the lawful use of any highway or thoroughfare on the Common, or affect any power or obligation to repair any such highway or thoroughfare.

13. 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.

Dated 19th April, 1904.

The Common Seal of the Rural District Council of
Warmley was hereto affixed in the presence of-

ROBERT F. NURSE, *Chairman.*

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*



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Approved by order of the Board of Agriculture
Fisheries, the 4th day of May, 1904.

T. H. ELLIOTT, *Secretary.*