

## **Byelaws**

### **Filsham Reed Beds Nature Reserve**

## **Hastings Borough Council – Nature Reserves**

Hastings Borough Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 20<sup>1</sup>, 21(4)<sup>2</sup> and 106<sup>3</sup> of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 in accordance with Section 236 of the Local Government Act 1972 hereby make the following byelaws for the protection of the Nature Reserve at Filsham Reed Beds in the County of East Sussex:

### **1. In these byelaws**

- a. "The Reserve" shall mean the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole 18.8 hectares or thereabouts and in the County of East Sussex. Declared to be managed as a Nature Reserve by the declaration dated the 20 day of July 1983 made by the Hastings Borough Council. In pursuance of Section 19 and 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, and the Reserve is for the purposes of identification shown as nearly as may be on the map annexed to these byelaws and therein edged red..
- b. "The Council" shall mean Hastings Borough Council.
- c. "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as in Section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968.

- 2. Within the Reserve the following acts are hereby prohibited except insofar as they may be authorised by a permit issued by the Council in accordance with Byelaw 4, or are necessary to the proper execution of his duty by an officer of the Council or by any person, or servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council.

### **Damage to or disturbance of things in the Reserve**

- (i) spreading or using any net, or setting or using any lamp or other instrument, or any snare or lure, for the taking, injury or destruction of any living creature.
- (ii) taking molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature.
- (iii) taking or intentionally disturbing or destroying the eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages, or the place used for shelter or protection of any living creature.
- (iv) intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water.

**Foot notes:**

1. Amended by Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006.  
Telecommunications Act 1984, Water Act 1989 and Communications Act 2003.
2. Amended by the (NERC) Act 2006
3. Amended by the (NERC) Act 2006 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990)

### **Bringing Animals into the Reserve**

- (v) intentionally bringing, or permitting to be brought, into the Reserve any living creature, or the egg of any living creature, or any plant, or any seed or other part of any plant, in such circumstances that it is likely that such creature or plant will reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch, or such seed will germinate.
- (vi) bringing into, or permitting to remain within the Reserve any animal other than a dog ensuring it is kept under proper control and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird.
- (vii) turning out any animal or poultry to feed or graze.
- (viii) exercising/flying any bird of prey.
- (ix) no person shall lead or ride any horse or pony unless it is in an area set aside and clearly signed for that purpose.

**Footnote:**

The Public Spaces Protection Order (No1) made under S.59 of The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 is in effect at Filsham Reed Beds Nature Reserve. This order details offences in relation to dogs.

### **Areas of water**

- (x) committing any act which pollutes or is likely to cause pollution of any water.
- (xi) bathing or wading in any water in contravention of a notice exhibited beside that water by order of the Council.
- (xii) sailing model boats.
- (xiii) propelling (by any means whatever) any boat on an area or stretch of water other than a public waterway in contravention of a notice exhibited beside that water by the Council.
- (xiv) obstructing any flow or any drain or watercourse.

### **Use of Vehicles**

- (xv) driving, riding, propelling or leaving any mechanically propelled vehicle elsewhere than on a highway or on a road, or in a place indicated by a notice as being available for the purpose and not exceeding 10mph.
- (xvi) any person with an agreed permit to travel within the greater reserve shall not exceed 10mph and will drive with hazard lights on and give way to pedestrians at all times.

#### **Use of certain Equipment**

- (xvii) using any apparatus for the transmission, reception, reproduction or amplification of any sound, speech or images by electrical or mechanical means, except photographic equipment, apparatus designed and used as an aid to defective hearing and apparatus used in a vehicle so as not to produce sound audible by a person outside the vehicle.
- (xviii) using any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the Reserve.

#### **Use of firearms etc.**

- (xix) being in possession of a firearm (with ammunition suitable for use in that firearm) or discharging a firearm or lighting a firework.
- (xx) projecting any missile manually or by artificial means.

#### **General Prohibitions**

- (xxi) erecting, occupying or using any tent, caravan or other structure for the purpose of camping elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being available for camping.
- (xxii) flying any powered model aircraft.
- (xxiii) erecting any post, rail, fence, pole, booth, stand, building or other structure.
- (xxiv) neglecting to shut any gate or to fasten it if any means of doing so are provided.
- (xxv) posting or placing any notice or advertisement.
- (xxvi) engaging in any activity which is causing or likely to cause a disturbance
- (xxvii) cycling, roller skating or skate boarding.

(xxviii) lighting any fire, stove, heater or other appliance capable of causing a fire, elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being available for BBQs.

(xxix) letting fall, or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire.

(xxx) intentionally leaving items in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for deposit of litter or refuse.

**3. Interference with Duly Authorised Officer**

Intentionally obstructing any officer of the Council or any person, or the servant of a person, employed or authorised by the Council in the execution of any works including research or scientific work connected with the laying out, maintenance or management of the Reserve.

**4. Permits**

(i) the Council may issue permits authorising any person to do any act or class of acts within the Reserve or any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under these byelaws.

(ii) any such permit shall be issued subject to the following conditions:

(a) that it must be carried whenever a visit is made to the Reserve, and produced for inspection when required by a person duly authorised by the Council in that behalf; and

(b) that it may be revoked by the Council at any time.

**5. Byelaws**

These byelaws shall not operate so as to interfere with the exercise:

(i) by a person of

(a) a right vested in him/her as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the reserve,

(b) any easement or profit a prendre to which he is entitled,

(c) any public right of way.

(ii) of any functions of a local authority, statutory undertaker or drainage authority.

- (iii) by a constable or a member of the armed forces or of any fire brigade or ambulance service of the performance of his duty.

**6. Penalty**

Any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 2 on the Standard Scale and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.

**7. Revocation**

The byelaws relating to Filsham Nature Reserve which were made by the Hastings Borough Council on the 25 July 1983 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on 7 September 1983 are hereby revoked.

The COMMON SEAL of  
HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed 23 December 2020  
in the presence of:-

  
Authorised Signatory





PAUL BALLINGER

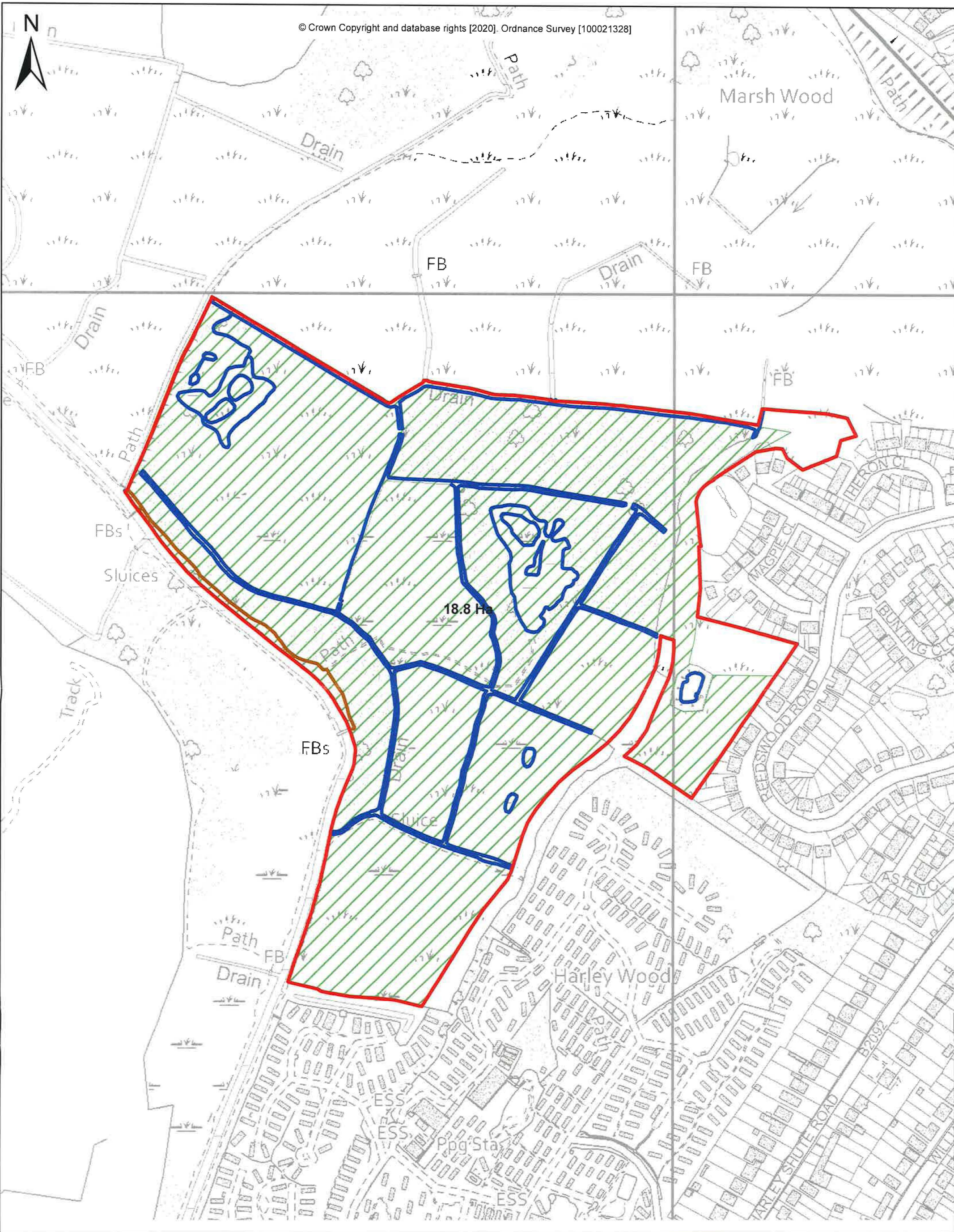
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Filsham Reed Beds Local Nature Reserve

MAP NR2

Date: Oct 2020

Scale: 1:3,000

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- Local Nature Reserve Extent
- SSSI \*
- Water
- Paths

\* Only shown where falling within Local Nature Reserve