

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

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RESIDENTS CORRESPONDENCE

FROM	SUBJECT
Allyson Mills	Email Regarding local bye laws

AGENDA ITEM No 10

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From: ALLYSON MILLS <u> </u>
Sent: 05 April 2015 12:05
To: clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: LOCAL BYE LAWS

Dear Sir,

Does Cambourne have any local bye laws concerning anti social behaviour in public places?

I walk my dog twice a day around the bridle paths and through the nature park. It is obvious to me and many other dog walkers I've spoken with that Cambourne has an ever increasing problem with people congregating to drink alcohol [and sniff gas sometimes] and smash all the glass bottles on footpaths and park areas. I have had to pick up at least four bottles of smashed glass on footpaths in the last two days. I have started carrying some freezer bags with me on dog walks as dog poo bags aren't strong enough to hold the shards. Plastic bottles and beer cans are another problem.

Favourite areas to congregate seem to be at the top of Crow Hill and the bench at the bottom of the bridle path near the path towards Caxton. Also the footpaths around Oak's Wood near to the pond.

This is not a petty problem. It is anti social behavior and it affects local law abiding citizens quality of life. People cannot walk their dogs without constantly looking out for broken glass and the worry that their dog will be injured and need emergency vet treatment. As the weather improves towards summer more children play in the park etc and a child could also be injured.

I never seem to come across any Nature Trust employees checking the park. It seems to be down to people like myself who clear up the mess. I contacted the police last year about this and didn't even get a reply.

As long as nobody does anything this will continue. I am a retired police officer and I used to have to contact local parish council clerks on a monthly basis to find out if there were any ongoing problems / concerns that required police action. Does this still happen?

Will the Parish Council make representation to the police on this matter?

I look forward to your reply.

Allyson Mills

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