

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BRIGHTON.

From The Town Clerk	To The Parks Superintendent
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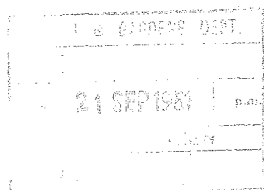
19th September, 1951.

Stamper Park.

... I enclose a copy of a letter dated the
17th September, upon which I shall be glad to
have your observations.

J. G. Jones

Town Clerk.



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C. J. JONES

34 Park Crescent,
Brighton, 7.

Monday 17th September, 1951.

To:

F. Drew, Esq.,
The Town Clerk,
Brighton Corporation

Dear Sir,

Yesterday (Sunday) afternoon myself and three friends went for a walk in Stanmer Park. We were walking on a path in the wood at the back of the Hall when we were stopped by a Park Keeper and a Park Policeman, who informed us that we were not allowed to walk on this particular path as it was private property. We asked the Park policeman to allow us to continue on the path until we reached the road (a distance of about 100 yds) this he refused to do and then stated that he had the Authority to eject citizens and to use force if necessary.

Surely law abiding citizens are allowed to walk through Public Parks without interference and since we did no damage to any trees, property etc., why did the Park policeman ask us for our names, which we supplied ?

I may be ignorant of our laws but I should like to know

1. How a Park or part thereof purchased by the local authority becomes Private.
2. Do the local authority give their employees authority to eject peaceful citizens by the use of force if necessary.
3. Why are footpaths in public Parks fenced off with barbed wire.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) R. B. GANKERODGER.

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Parks and Gardens Dept.

Moulsecoomb Place,

Brighton.

J.G.Drew, Esq.,

Town Clerk,

Town Hall, Brighton.

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Your Ref: JWB/JL : 24916.

21st September 1951.

Stanmer Park.

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst., I enclose herewith copy of report which I received from my police staff in Stanmer Park, which sets the background to this particular incident.

The area in question is the private grounds of Stanmer House and the public are excluded therefrom as, up to the present time, no decision has been taken as to the use of Stanmer House; also this area forms some protection for the nurseries and orchards which are maintained by the Parks Committee. Unless some barrier such as this is kept between the orchards and the numerous small boys who use the public parts of the park, the maintenance of fruit in this area would be a complete impossibility.

Superintendent.

County Borough of Brighton.

PARKS AND GARDENS DEPARTMENT.

To—The Superintendent of Parks and Gardens.

REPORT made on the 16th day of September 19th 51.

by Park Keeper A. Baker on duty at Stamper Park.

Brighton, as follows:—

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At 4.30 pm, on 16 September 1951, at the footpath at the back of the island, in company with J. Wasterson I accompanied Robert Mello of 34, Park Crescent, Brighton, and Ronald Southwager, also of 34, Park Crescent Brighton who were accompanied by two lady friends. I pointed out to them that the above footpath was not open to the public, and asked them to leave by retracing their steps into Great Wood. Robert Mello said "Suppose we refuse to go, what can you do." I then advised my pleasant bark, and told him that should he refuse to go, I should spit him. He said "You would get into trouble if you hit a hand on me, I am a newspaper. The Corporation have bought this park, and I am stuck through here if I wish."

I then told him Mello if he was dissatisfied with my action, his remedy was to communicate with the Dept. Parks and Gardens.

The Mello was very hostile during the whole of our conversation. I then accompanied the party to the wire fence surrounding this footpath where they entered Great Wood, having no means of

(Park Keeper's Signature) A. Baker J. Wasterson

(Forman's Signature and Observations) At 4.30 pm, 16.9.51

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