
THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

Verderers.

I – REGISTER OF COMMONERS

1. The Conservators shall, before the 31st day of December 1879, make and they shall thenceforth keep a register of commoners, on which they shall insert the name, description and address of every person or body entitled to a right of common in or over Epping Forest, on his or their claiming to be so inserted, and adducing such reasonable proof of title as the Conservators require.
2. The register shall be made in two parts, Part I. being for the norther Forest parishes, namely,- Epping, Theydon Bois, Loughton, Waltham Holy Cross, Chingford, and Chigwell; and Part II. Being for the southern Forest parishes, namely,- Woodford, Walthamstow, Leyton, Wanstead, Little Ilford, and West Ham.
3. Claims for entry on the register shall be made within such time and in such form as the Conservators from time to time prescribe.
4. The Conservators shall from time to time give notice in such a manner as they think best calculated to give information to the commoners of the rights of commoners under this schedule, and of the steps to be taken thereunder.
5. Where a commoner is under age or of unsound mind, or a married woman, his or her guardian, committee, or husband shall be entitled to be on the register in his or her place.
6. Where several persons are joint-tenants, co-parceners, or tenants in common, in respect of rights of common, they shall in respect thereof be considered as one; and such one of them only shall be entered on the register as the majority of them select in writing, or in case they are equally divided or decline to select, then as the Conservators select.
7. The Conservators shall at such time or times before the first and each subsequent septennial election of verderers as they think fit, publish a notice that the register is ready for inspection at their office at the Guildhall of the City of London, and in the Forest and appoint days on which persons interested may apply to the Conservators to correct the register by inserting or expunging any name.
8. On the appointed days the Conservators shall hear any objections or claims and shall allow such claims or objections as appear to them to be established, and amend the

register accordingly.

9. The register, as settled by the Conservators before each election of verderers, shall be conclusive evidence of the persons entitled to vote as commoners thereat.

II- ELECTION.

10. An election of verderers shall be held in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty and every subsequent seventh year, not later than the twentieth day of March in any case.
11. At every election two verderers shall be elected by the electors for the norther Forest parishes and two by the electors for the southern Forest parishes.
12. The days of election shall be appointed by the Conservators; and the elections for the northern and for the southern Forest parishes shall be held on different days.
13. The Recorder of the City of London, or, in his absence or inability, the Common Sergeant of the City of London, or, in the absence or inability of both, a person appointed by the Lord Mayor of the City of London, shall be the returning officer.
14. The conservators shall convene a separate meeting of the electors for the northern and for the southern Forest parishes respectively at a convenient place in the Forest for the purpose of each election, and shall publish notice thereof and of the time and place thereof.
15. The returning officer shall preside and regulate the proceedings at the meeting, but he may be assisted by such officers as he sees fit to appoint.
16. The meeting shall, as far as relates to the nomination of candidates, be deemed to be at an end at the expiration of one hour from the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, or at the expiration of such longer period (if any) as the returning officer thinks fit.
17. Any qualified person may, if he consents, be nominated by any elector and seconded by another as a candidate for the officer of verderer.
18. If at the expiration of the said hour, or extended period, no more candidates stand nominated than there are vacancies, the candidates standing nominated shall be and be deemed elected.
19. If at the expiration of the said hour, or extended period, more candidates stand nominated than there are vacancies, the returning officer shall, in case a poll is demanded, adjourn the meeting and take a poll; but in case no poll is demanded shall

ascertain by show of hands, or otherwise, as he think fit, the decision of the meeting as to the candidates elected.

20. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn in writing at any time before the close of the meeting, and if so withdrawn shall be deemed to have never been made.
21. In case of a poll, the returning officer shall cause the poll to be taken at such place or places in or near to the Forest, there always being at least one polling place in the parish of Epping, and on such days as he thinks fit, the day being not less than one clear day or more than three clear days after the day fixed for the meeting for election, and shall give notice in such manner as he thinks fit of the place or places and time for the poll.
22. In case of a poll votes shall be given personally. But where a corporation aggregate, a joint stock or other company, or any body of proprietors is on the register, the vote may be given as the vote of one individual proprietor, but by proxy appointed in writing sealed with the common seal in the case of a corporation, or signed by three directors or other persons having the direction or management in the case of an unincorporated body.
23. The poll shall open at eight o'clock in the forenoon of the appointed day and shall close at six o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, except in case of disturbance, when the poll may be closed at such time as the returning officer thinks fit.
24. The returning officer shall cause to be entered in the polling books the name, description, and address of every voter and for whom he votes.
25. As soon as practicable after the close of the poll, the returning officer shall sum up the votes, and the candidates who have obtained the greatest number of votes shall be and be deemed elected.
26. Where there is an equality of votes between candidates, the returning officer may, if he thinks fit, give a casting vote, but shall not vote in any other case.
27. At every election, whether there is a poll or not, the returning officer shall, as soon as practicable, publicly declare the names of the candidates elected, and, where there is a poll, the total number of votes given for each candidate, whether elected or not, and his public declaration thereof shall be final and conclusive; and he shall return the names and numbers to the Conservators who shall publish them.
28. If on any occasion from any cause an election does not take place on the appointed day the retiring verderers shall continue in office until the next election.
29. If on any occasion from any cause only one verderer for the northern or for the southern Forest parishes is elected; one of the retiring verderers for those parishes selected by the verderer elected for those parishes shall continue in office until the next election.

