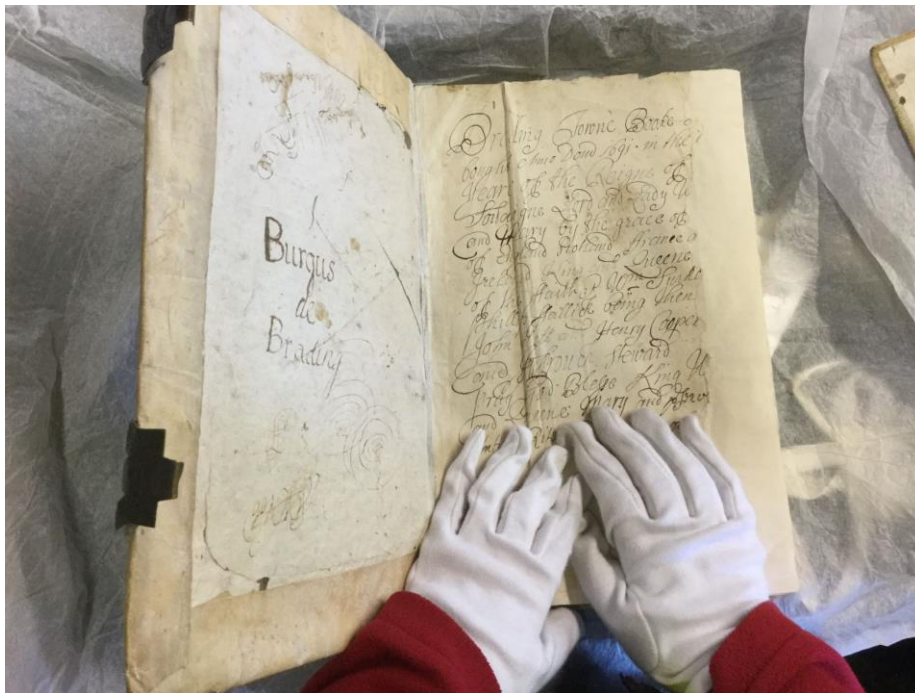


Crime & punishment in Brading Town Books

Dictionary and Examples of Pages with Transcriptions

The Town Books hold the laws made by the Corporation of Brading which was created by a Royal Charter in 1547 and which had the right to make their own laws and to fine or punish people who broke the laws.

The problems in managing an orderly town have changed little over the centuries and a clean, tidy and well-managed town is still required today. The medieval town would have had sewage, dung and rubbish dumped in close proximity to wells and housing, so today's problems of fly-tipping and dog offences are little different to those of previous centuries.



One of the Brading Town Books

Amerce: fine

Back Lane: the lane running along the back of the houses that fronted High Street, we think it is now West Street

Bailiffs: Bailiffs kept the Corporation records (the Town Books), gave orders to the constables, inspected the lock-up house (as the cell was called), gave directions about the economy of the town, received all the money to be paid to the Corporation and paid out all the payments which the Corporation had to pay out. The Bailiffs also presided over the Court of Pie

Powdre and summoned the Court Leet. The Bailiffs were also the Justices mentioned in the records.

“beer out of Town Rate”: we think that beer and other goods were collected as well as money for the taxes which were paid to the Corporation/ Borough. This law is telling them not to give it away to people.

Cattel: Cattle may be cows, bulls, oxen or calves.

Common Quay: Brading Quay – at the top of Quay lane and now under where the sewage works are – NOT at the back of High Street or the Bugle Car park as modern legend has it.

Constables: They carried out all the warrants within the Borough and managed the lock-house and the stocks. As directed by the Bailiffs they would also collect the fees for the market stalls and keep order at the market.

Court Leet: elected the Constables and Hayward, inspected the weights and measures that were used to fine tradespeople who were selling underweight or shoddy goods, reported the “nuisances” (minor law breaking) and set out the ordinances and customs of the Borough which people were fined for breaking. The Court Leet also held the View of Frank Pledge.

Engross the presentments: write the rules down in to the Town Book

Faggott Reek: a rubbish pile or pile of firewood

Forfeit or forfeiture: the amount they will be fined

Haywarden: a person that looked after the pound

Hoggs: pigs

Liberty of the Town/Borough: the area within the Town's borders

Miah Meads: Jeremiah Meads

Michaelmass: The Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels which was celebrated on 29th September and in medieval England, Michaelmas marked the ending and beginning of the farming year when the harvest was over, and the bailiffs would be making out the accounts for the year.

Morter Heap: a rubbish pile

Occupiers of hedge: the occupiers of the houses that have hedges that grows onto or over the streets and highways

On pain of: this is the amount of the fine they must pay if they break this rule.

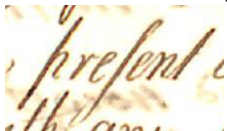
Pound Breach or rescue: that people have broken into the Town Pound and taken their animals out without paying the fine to the Bayliffs or Haywarden.



The town pound in Quay Lane where the Hayward would secure stray animals to be released on payment of a fee

Present/ordain: a rule that they are making

Single or Double ff: means a single or double 's' – so 'perfernt' is present. Before the 1800s if an 's' was written at the beginning or middle of a word it was written like an 'f' without the crossbar.



Stallers of market: people who buy up everything of one type or product (e.g. all the bread or sugar or tea or beer) so that they are the only person selling it at the market and then raise their prices so that people could only buy from them at high prices.

This manor: the town or borough's land.

Town wells: there was no water supply to the houses in Brading until the 1900s so everyone had to draw water out of several town wells. There were rules to try and stop them becoming contaminated – especially as Typhoid and other diseases were carried by dirty water. **Way Wardens:** the men elected that year from the Jurats to collect taxes and use them for the repair of the roads

Unyoaked: to release an animal from a yoke

Way warden: (collected taxes for repairs to the roads), then they recorded what laws have been set and how much people are fined (in pounds, shillings and pence) for breaking them.

we present: means 'we instruct the Bailiffs' or 'we state that'.



The stocks and jail or lock-up in the Old Town Hall



Truncheons



Weights used to check traders were weighing goods correctly



Handcuffs

- Sump:** wec paine **J^ohn Oglander** K^{nt} for to lay open
 the Kinge hight way leadinge to Minnowk by May day next 1-19
- # wec doe paine **J^ohn Oglander** for to lay open the hight way
 leadinge to the Downe by May day next in 1-19
- # wec doe paine all those that doe carrye fire powder in the
 streets in 1^o a peere for every tyme for offendinge
- # wec doe paine all the inhabitants of this towne that doe make
 at any officer in 10^o a peere for offendinge
- # wec doe paine all the inhabitants of this towne that doe lay
 any dunge heapes in the hight way before their doores for
 1^o a peere howlande howse to 2^o a peere howse in 1^o of woode
- # wec doe paine all those that doe take in any fowles into the
 howses in 10^o of month.
- # wec doe paine all those who in this towne that keepe any
 hogge buyable & cowringe & in 4^o a hogge for take
- # wec doe paine all those that have any fences in Rastles
 & due to make them up by May day next in 3^o a peere
- # wec doe paine **Thomas Bore** to make up his hedge
 betwene him & the widow ffewins by May day in 3^o
- # wec doe paine all those that have any hedges against
 North Mease to make them up by May day next in 1-
- # wec doe paine **Richard Hatfield** for in + not + hments
 made betwene **John Richards** Esq; & **Thomas Bussell**
 to throw it up agayne by Michaelmas next in 1
- # wec doe sent all those that doe seriously & take
 the hight wayes with their cattell in 10 a peere
- # wec doe sent **John Griffie** to make up his hedge against
 the hight way by May day next in 2^o
- # wec doe sent **Thomas Diligent** to make up his hedge
 from his Charnes to **Thomas Edwards** cowse by
 May day next in 1-10
- # wec doe sent **Richard Hatfield** for stalinge the hight
 wayes dayly with his cattell in 20^o

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- IMP: we pain Sir John Oglander Knight for to lay open the Kings highway leading to Nunwell by May day next —1 —19 — 11
- # wee do pain Sir John Oglander for to lay open the highway leading to the towne by May day next in 1 —19 —11
- # wee do pain all those that do carry fire uncovered in the streets infor every time for offending 1^s
- # wee do pain all the inhabitants of this town that doat any officer in 10^s afor offending 10^s
- # wee do pain all those that doth take in any dung heaps in the highway beforefrom Frances Newlands house to Richard Chase in....
- # wee do pain all those that do take in anyinto thehouses in 10^s ... month
- # we do pain all those not in this town that keep any hoggs....and...in 4^s a hoggs foot taken
- # we do pain all those that have any fences in.....andhave to make themby May day in....
- # we do pain Thomas Browne to make up his hedge between him and the widowby May day in.....5^s
- # we do pain all those that have any hedges against North Marsh to make them up by May day next in 1^s 10^d
- # we do pain Richard Hatchers..... made between John Richards Esq and Ambroseto throw it up again by Michaelmas next in 1^s
- # we do pain all those that dostall the highways with their cattell in – 10^s a p.....
- # we present John Griffin to make up his hedge against the highway by May day next in 25^s
- # we present Thomas..... to make... his hedge from his barnes to Thomas Egdens..... by May day next in 1^s 10^d
- # we present Richard Hatchard for stalling the highway dayly with his cattell in 20^s

Also we present that no person do stall the highway with any Cattel on forfeiture of $50=3=4$

Also we present that no person do suffer their hogg to goe naked or Thuring in the Street on forfeiture of $0:0:4$ for each hogg

Also we present that no person do make any Dunghill or Morder heep in the street to continue longer than one month on forfeiture of $0-10=0$

Also we present the Bayliffs to weigh the weights and weigh the bread as often as need shall require and to measure the Measures on forfeiture of $1-10=0$

Also we present all persons that have sences that they keep them in sufficient Repair at all times on forfeiture of One Shilling $0:01=0$ for each

Also we present all Brewers and Malters to secure their fire at all times on forfeiture of $71=19=0$

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- Alsoe- We present that no person do stall the high way with any Cattel on forfeiture of £0 3s 4d
- Alsoe- We present that no person do suffer their hoggs to goe Unyoaked or Unrung in the Street on forfeiture for each hogg £0 0s 4d
- Alsoe- We present that no person do make any Dunghill or Morter heep in the Street to Continue Longer than one month on forfeiture of £0 10s 0d
- Alsoe - We present the Bayliffs to weigh the weights and weigh the breads as offten as need Shall Require and to Measure the Measures on forfeiture of £0 10s 0d
- Alsoe - We present all Persons that have fences that they keep them in sufficient Repair at all times on forfeiture of One Shilling Per Perch £0 1s 0d
- Alsoe - We present all Brewers and Malters to secure their fire at all times on forfeiture of £1 19s 11d
- Alsoe - We present the Bayliffs to warne the Jury Three Days before the Court Leet be held on forfeiture of £0 10s 0d
- Alsoe - We present that all persons that are for stallers of the Market on forfeiture of £0 10s 0d
- Alsoe - We prefent that no perfons do Reveal the Secrets of this Court on forfeiture of £0 10s 0d
- Alsoe - We present the Steward to engross the presentments on forfeiture of £0 10s 0d
- Alsoe - We present the highway to the Common Key to be kept at all times free on forfeiture of £1 19s 11d
- Alsoe - We present the Water Courses and fences from Late Gills down to the wall to be kept in sufficient Repair at all times on forfeiture of One Shilling per Perch £0 1s 0d

- 1 Also we present the Bayliffs of the Town to have the Dungh kept muffled up four or five times in the year if need shall require on forfeiture for Neglecting the same } 0. 5. 0
- 4 Also we present that the Bayliffs give not any person leave of Laying any Dunghheap in the Liberty of the Town on forfeiture of } 0. 5. 0
- 7-0 Also we present all the Occupies of the gates and hedges Duke James and Mr Crocker to keep up the Shoot Gates coming from the Down on forfeiture of five Shillings Mr Crouch and Ten Shillings Duke James in all } 0. 15. 0
- By the 20th Day of November
- 1-0 Also we present that the waywardens that they give no beer out of the Town but but if they give any it shall be out of their own pockets
- 1-11 Also we present the Occupiers of the hedge between Matthew Grant and Henry Coopers between the said St James Bay on forfeiture of one } 0. 1. 0
- 2-0 Shilling for breach
- 7-0 Also we present if any person make a pound breach or lessons it shall be decided by six men as formerly
- 7-0 Also we present that no person make a fuygolt Reek in the Street without the leave of the Bayliffs on forfeiture of } 0. 5. 0
- 10-0 Also we present the Bayliffs to keep the Court within fifteen Days after a Lady Day on forfeiture of } 1. 19. 11
- 7-11 Also we present the Bayliffs to keep the Court within a month after Michaelmas next on forfeiture of } 1. 19. 11
- 1 of

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Alsoe - We present the Bayliffs of the Town to have the Dung kept Shuffeled up four or five times in the year if need Shall Require on forfeiture for Neglecting the Same £0 5s 0d

Alsoe - We present the Occupie[r]s of all the gates and hedges Duke JAMES and Mr CROUCH to keep up the Shoot Gates coming from the Down on forfeiture of five Shillings Mr CROUCH and Ten Shillings Duke JAMES in all by the 20th day of November £0 15s 0d

Alsoe - We present that the waywardens that they give no beer out of the Town Rate but if they Give any it shall be out of their own pockets.

Alsoe - We present the Occupiers of the hedge between Mathew GRANT and Henry COOPERS between the said Saint James Day on forfeiture of one Shilling Per perch £0 1s 0d

Alsoe - We present that if any Person make A pound breach or Rescons it shall be decided by Six men as formerly

Alsoe - We present that no person make a faggott Reek in the Street without the leave of the Bayliffs on forfeiture of £0 5s 0d

Alsoe - We present the Bayliffs to keep the Court within fifteen Days after Lady Day on forfeiture of £1 19s 11d

Alsoe - We present the Bayliffs to keep the Court within a Month after Michaelmas next on forfeiture of £1 19s 11d

Also we present the water course that runs from the
Backlane to Mr Salters Inn to be turned into the
Street at the Southend of the House as formerly
on forfeiture of 10/-

Also we present all persons that have hogs Styes
against the Street or grounds that they keep
them clean at all times without any Moggance
on forfeiture of 10/-

Also we present that persons Lett their Hogs Beasts
and Sheep to go upon the highway on forfeiture of 10/-

Also we present Mr Grouch to keep the water course
that runs through Mr Salters yard in sufficient
Repair on forfeiture of one Shilling per Week

Also we present that no person lay Stun in the Road
within the Street on forfeiture of 10/-

Also we present if any person or persons belonging to the
Jury shall be absent at any of the Courts to be
held for this Borough he or they shall forfeit
for every such offence 10/-

Also we present Mr Amerec John Williams for not waiting on
the Jury according to warning the time of 10/-

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Alsoe - We present that the Water Courfe that Runes from the Backlane to Mr SALTER'S Inn to be turned into the Street at the Southend of the House as formerly on forfeiture of £1 10s 0d

Alsoe - We present that all persons that have hoggs Styes against the Street or pounds that they keep them Clean at all times without any Annoyance on forfeiture of £0 1s 0d

Alsoe - We present that persons Lett their Horse Beast and Sheep to goe upon the highway on forfeiture of £1 19s 11d

Alsoe - We present Mr CROUCH to keepe ye water Course that Runs through Mr SALTERS Yard in sufficient repair on forfeiture of One Shilling per Perch £0 1s 0d

Alsoe - We present that no person Lay Straw in the Road within the Street on forfeiture of £0 5s 0d

Alsoe - We present if any Person or Persons Belonging to the Jury shall or may be absent at any of the Courts to be held for this Borrough he or they Shall forfeite for Every Such Offence £0 0s 6d

Alsoe - We Present and Amerce John WILLIAMS for not waiting on the Jury according to warning the sume of £0 7s 6d

Burrough
of
Bradley

To Wit.

A View of Frank Pledge Court Lect,
Burrough Court and Law Day, there held the
9th day of October in the 33rd Year of the
Reign of George the Second, now King of Great
Britain &c. and in the Year of our Lord
1759 Before M^r John Pressey and M^r John
Blow Bayliffs and before the Burgesses and
Commoners there present, by James Hoyerden
Steward as follows (viz)

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----|
| 1 W ^m Stone Foreman | } Jurors | W ^m Dore | 10 |
| 2 J ⁿ Grant | | Mark Snudden | 11 |
| 3 James Perkins | | J ⁿ Stone | 12 |
| 4 Joseph Goodden | | Tho. Hatchman | 13 |
| 5 W ^m Lisle | | J ⁿ Westmore | 14 |
| 6 J ⁿ Whitebread | | W ^m Sanders | 15 |
| 7 Tho. Whitebread | | Henry Harber | 16 |
| 8 W ^m Love | | Michael Midlane | 17 |
| 9 J ⁿ Lale | | | |

The above Jurymen present on their
Corporal Oaths as follows (viz)

First We present Sir John Oglander to lay open the L S D
Ancient High Way to Nunwell as often as need 1 : 19 : 11
shall require on forfeiture of - - - }
Also We present that no person Abuse any One that
have born the Office of Bayliff or Constable } 0 : 10 : 0
on forfeiture of - - - }
Also We present that no person shall suffer their
Hogs to go or Run about the Street on forfeiture } 0 : 00 : 4
of each Hog so Running - - - }

Transcription of Town Book page 256 (1739)

Borough of Brading

To Wit A View of Frank Pledge Court Leet, Burrough Court and Law Day, thereheld the 9th day of October in the 33rd Year of the Reign of George the Second, now King of Great Britain VC. and in the Year of our Lord 1759 Before M^r John Pressy and M^r John Blow Bayliffs and before Burgesses and Comoners there Present, by James Hoyden Steward as follows (viz.)

1. W^mStone Foreman
 2. Jn^o Grant
 3. James Perkins
 4. Joseph Goodden
 5. W^m Lisle
 6. Jn^o Whitebread
 7. Tho^s Whitebread
 8. W^m Love
 9. Jn^o Lale
 10. W^m Dore
 11. Mark Snudden
 12. Jn^o Stone
 13. Tho^s Hatchman
 14. Jn^o Westmore
 15. W^m Sanders
 16. Henry Harber
 17. Michael Midlane
- Jurors

The above Jurymen present on their Corporal Oaths as follows (viz.)

First we Present Sir John Oglander to lay open the Ancient High Way To Nunwell as often as need shall require on forfeiture of £1:19:11

Also We Present that no Person Abuse any One that have born the Office of Bayliff or Constable on forfeiture of £0:10:0

Also We Present that no Person shall suffer their Hogs to go or Run about the Street on forfeiture of each Hog so Running £0:00:4

First We Present and Ordain, that it is not Lawful for the Bailiffs of the Queens Town of Brading or either of them, to Sell, Lease, Lett or in any way alienate or dispose of any of the Lands or Houses belonging to the said Town without the Assent and Consent of Nine-thirteenth of the Jury first had and obtained under their hands given and recorded in the Town Booke at an Especial Court for that purpose assembled at the Town Hall —

Also We Ordain, that if any Person allows, Hides, Hens or their Cattle or Pigs to stray or feed upon the Waste Lands or Streets of this Manor, they shall forfeit for each offence or trespassing the sum of Three shillings and four pence

Also We Ordain, that if any Person do make a pound breach or rescue, it shall be decided by six Men as formerly

Also We Ordain, that if any Person or Persons do make a practice of standing or sitting in the Market place, about the Windows, Doors, Gateways, or in any thoroughfare within the Liberty of this Borough to the annoyance of Heres Majestys subjects, each person so offending shall forfeit, five shillings

Also We Ordain, that all Stallstons and Breidors do secure their fines or pain of One pound nineteen shillings & eleven pence

Also We Ordain, that the Bailiffs, do cause the Jury to be warned to the Court Leet, three days before it is to be held on pain of forfeiting the sum of Ten shillings —

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First- We Present and Ordain that it is not Lawful for the Bailiffs of the Queens Town of Brading or either of them to Sell, Lease, Lett, or in any way alianate or dispose of any of the Lands or Houses belonging to the said Town without the Assent and Consent of Nine thirteenth of the Jury, first had and obtained under their hands given and recorded in the Town Book at an Especial Court for that purpose assembled at the Town Hall.

Also- We Ordain, That if any Person allows, His, Hers or their Cattle or Pigs to stray or feed upon the Waste Lands or Streets of this Manor, they shall forfeit for each offence so trespassing the sum of three shillings and four pence.

Also- We Ordain, That if any Person do make a Pound breach or rescue, it shall be decided by six Men as formerly

Also- We Ordain, That if any Person or Persons do make a practice of standing or loitering in the Market place about the Windows, Doors, Gateways, or in any thoroughfare within the Liberty of this Borough to the annoyance of Her Majesty's subjects, each person so offending shall forfeit five shillings

Also- We Ordain, That all Maltsters and Brewers do secure their fires on pain of One Pound nineteen shillings & elevenpence

Also- We Ordain, That the Bailiffs do cause the Jury to be warned to the Court Leet, three days before it is to be held on pain of forfeiting the sum of Ten shillings

Also We Ordain, That if any Person warned to the Court We
here, and does not appear to answer to his summons shall
forfeit the sum of six shillings and eight pence

Also We Ordain, That the Bailiffs of this Town shall hold
Court Lect, in each year, on or before the middle day of October
unless the same do happen on a Saturday or Sunday in
case it shall be held on the following Monday or being of
the sum of Ten shillings, to be paid to their receipts.

Also We Ordain, That any Person been duly warned to
Court, not being a Court Lect, and does not appear to
to his name within half an hour of the appointed time
shall forfeit, one shilling and six pence

Also We Ordain, That no Person do carry Fire arms
in the Street on pain of Three shillings and four pence

Also We Ordain, That the Highway or Road leading
the Common Quay or Landing place, be always kept
and in sufficient repair

Also We Ordain, That the Constables do pay all Rates
into the Bailiffs hands as soon as they have collected it
on pain of Ten shillings

Also We Ordain, That all Chimneys in this Town be
sufficiently clean, and if any Chimney catch fire and
out of the Top the owner thereof shall immediately pay
six shillings and eight pence

Transcription of the Town Book Page 72 (1845)

Also- We Ordain, That if any Person warned to the Court Leet Jury, and does not appear to answer to his summons shall forfeit the sum of six shillings and eight pence

Also- We Ordain, That the Bailiffs of this Town shall hold a Court Leet, in each year, on or before the ninth day of October unless the same do happen on a Saturday or Sunday in which case it shall be held on the following Monday on pain of forfeiting the sum of Ten shillings, to be paid to their successors

Also- We Ordain, That any Juror been duly warned to a Court not being a Court Leet and does not appear to answer to his name within half an hour of the appointed time shall forfeit one shilling and sixpence

Also- We Ordain, That no Person do carry Fire uncovered in the Street on pain of Three Shillings and four pence

Also- We Ordain, That the Highway or Road leading to the Common Quay or Landing Place be always kept free and in sufficient repair

Also- We Ordain, That the Constables do pay all Monies into the Bailiffs hands as soon as they have collected it on pain of Ten shillings

Also- We Ordain, That all Chimneys in this Town be kept sufficiently clean, and if any Chimney catch fire and blaze out of the Top the owner thereof shall immediately pay six shillings and eight pence

also We Ordain, That the Bailiffs do to the utmost of their power preserve the young Timber and Underwood, growing upon this Manor, for the Benefit of this Town, on pain of One pound nineteen shillings and eleven pence to be paid to their successors

also We Ordain, That the Streets and Highways within the Liberty of this Town, be kept clean and free from being stalled with Wagons, Carts, Carriages, Timber, Cattle &c. on pain of Three shillings and four pence

also We Ordain, That no Person do reveal the Secrets of the Court, on pain of Ten Shillings

also We Ordain, That all Archives, Books, Records, Weights, Measures &c. belonging to this Town, be locked up in the Town Chests, and not any thing therefrom be abstracted but by the permission of the Jurors

also We Ordain, That no Juror after being present at Court shall leave the same without the permission of the Foreman, on pain of One Shilling

also We Ordain, That if any Person called upon by either of the Constables, to assist him, or them, in the Execution of their duty and refuse so to do shall forfeit, Ten Shillings

also We Ordain, That the Acting Steward do engross the Presentments and ordinances in the Town Book, within ten days after the Court, on pain of Ten Shillings

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Also- We Ordain, That the Bailiffs do to the utmost of their power preserve the young Timber and Underwood, growing upon this Manor, for the Benefit of this Town, on pain of One pound nineteen shillings and elevenpence to be paid to their successors

Also- We Ordain, That the Streets and Highways within the Liberty of this Town, be kept clear and free from being stalled with Wagons, Carts, Carriages, Timber, Cattle etc on pain of Three shillings and four pence

Also- We Ordain, That no Person do reveal the secrets of the Court, on pain of Ten Shillings

Also- We Ordain, That all Archives, Books, Records, Weights, Measures etc belonging to this Town, be locked up in the Town Chests, and not anything therefrom be abstracted but by the permission of the Jury.

Also- We Ordain, That no Juror after being present at Court shall leave the same without the permission of the Foreman, on pain of One Shilling.

Also- We Ordain, That if any Person is called upon by either of the Constables to assist him, or them, in the Execution of their duty and refuse so to do shall forfeit Ten Shillings.

Also- We Ordain, That the Acting Steward do engross the presentments and ordinances in the Town Book, within ten days after the Court, on pain of Ten Shillings.

- thereto, on pain of . . .
- Also We Ordain, That no Person shall empty any
this Town, at any time excepting between the hours of Ten
at Night, and five in the Morning, on pain of One Penny.
- Also We Ordain, That the Gate and Fence leading to the
be always kept up (viz) the Gate and Fence on the South side
belonging to Mr. John Sanders under a penalty of ten shillings
and the post and Fence on the North side belonging to
Mich. Meads under a penalty of five shillings.
- Also We Ordain, That if any person dipping or drawing
Water with an unclean Vessel out of any of the Town Wells
shall forfeit for each offence the sum of Five shillings.
- Also We Ordain, That the Bailiffs do attend each and
every Court during the year on pain of One pound to be paid
to their successors.
- Also We Ordain, That the Occupier of the Willow Bed
- by called by the name of "Dred" be bound to keep the
tid up and free from obstructing the foot path leading
through the same, on pain of Five shillings.

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Also- we Ordain, That the Justices do attend each and every Court during the ensuing year, upon being duly warned thereto, on pain of one Shilling and sixpence.

Also- We Ordain, That no person shall empty a privy in this Town, at any time excepting between the hours of ten at Night and five in the Morning, on pain of One Pound

Also- We Ordain, That the Gate and Fence leading to the Down be always kept up (Viz) the Gate and Fence on the South side belonging to Mr John Saunders under a penalty of ten shillings and the post and Fence on the North side belonging to Mr Miah Meads under a penalty of five shillings.

Also- We Ordain, That if any person dipping or drawing Water with an unclean Vessel out of any of the Towns Wells shall forfeit for each offence the sum of Two shillings and sixpence

Also- We Ordain, That the Bailiffs do attend each and every Court during the year on pain of One Pound to be paid to their successors.

Also- We Ordain, That the Occupier of the Willow Bed "duly called by the name of Daw's" be bound to keep the willow tied up and free from obstructing the footpath leading through the same on pain of Five shillings.

Things to think about

1. Are there any laws that you would like to introduce into your town today?
2. Can you find out what laws apply to your town today and who enforces them? (See Running the Town pdf page 8). How were they different to laws in the past?

Today's Town Council no longer has the power to imprison people in the stocks or the lock-up at the Old Town Hall. People are no longer held responsible for the crimes of their neighbours as it was under the Frank Pledge system.

Brading Town Council does not have any powers to issue fixed penalty fines for litter, fly posting or dog offences, this is the responsibility of the Isle of Wight Council.

Petty crime can be reported by the Council to the police through the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) who takes some of the old Bailiff role. Problems with the highway are no longer the responsibility of the Way Warden but suggestions for road improvements are raised by the Town Council and parking is monitored by Isle of Wight Council traffic wardens.