

PRESTWOOD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

NAME AND OBJECTS

The name of the Association shall be “Prestwood Village Association”.

The Objects of the Association are to:

- Generate interest and increase awareness in our community
- Develop communication opportunities for residents and businesses in the village
- Sustain and improve the amenities and environment of Prestwood
- Support local community activities

The Association shall be non-political and an unincorporated voluntary organisation.

MEMBERSHIP

Everyone over aged 16 years living or working in Prestwood shall be eligible to become members. By returning completed membership form, including supplying an accessible email address, they can confirm their free membership and receive communications from the Association.

Membership of the Association shall imply acceptance of this constitution and any amendments that may be passed at General Meetings.

Records of membership held electronically for the purposes of operating and administering the Association shall not be used for any other purpose.

Membership shall be free.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held annually in May

Notice thereof shall be given not later than four weeks previously, by e-mail and advertisement on local information boards.

All members of the Association may submit motions for discussion at the AGM. Such motions, including proposals for amendments to this constitution, must be received by Secretary not later than one week prior to the meeting.

All members have the right to propose themselves or another member to hold office within the Association. Proposals for the appointment of Officers and Committee Members shall be received by the Secretary not later than one week before the meeting. Each nomination form shall be signed by a proposer and seconder and should indicate the consent of the nominee to nomination.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee or by a requisition signed by not less than 10 members delivered to the Secretary, who in turn will call such a meeting within four weeks from the date of receipt. The notice of meeting shall detail the motion and be issued by e-mail and advertisement on local information boards.

Only the business stated in the requisition may be debated in the Special General Meeting.

VOTING RIGHTS

A quorum for an Annual or Special General Meeting shall be 10 members. If a quorum is not reached, the meeting shall be reconvened and all members informed of the new date and venue. The quorum at a reconvened General Meeting shall be those present.

At all General Meetings each member shall have one vote. Voting shall be by show of hands except where a ballot is demanded by a simple majority.

COMMITTEE

The Committee shall be composed of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer (the Officers) and up to 12 other members, elected at the Annual General Meeting. No member may fill any one Official position for more than three successive years and may not revert to a previously held Official position until a period of not less than two years has passed.

MANAGEMENT

The management of the Association shall be vested in the Committee.

The Committee shall have discretionary power if a quorum of at least 4 Committee members including at least one Officer is present:

- To act on all matters brought before the Committee by simple majority voting, with the Chairman having a casting vote if necessary.
- To perform such acts as may be deemed necessary or expedient to further the objects of the Association.
- To meet as necessary to carry out these objects of the Association, but not less than four times a year.
- To fill from members vacancies occurring on the Committee or among the Officers only until the next AGM.
- To deem to have resigned any officer or Committee member who is absent from three consecutive Committee meetings without good cause
- To deem to have resigned any Officer or Committee member who holds any elective position in local government (Parish, District or County levels) or who is elected to Parliament.
- To establish sub-committees for the purpose of undertaking specific tasks.
- To decide on matters not covered by the constitution.
- To approve expenditure and expenses incurred in execution of the objects of the Association

The Chairman shall:

- Ensure the Association is properly conducted according to the constitution.
- Chair or delegate the conduct of meetings

Secretary shall:

- Give due notice of dates and times of all meetings.
- Keep Minutes of the meetings and records of attendance.
- Keep records of correspondence received and sent.
- Make available the constitution and any amendments agreed to it.

The Treasurer shall:

- Account for and deposit with the Association's bank account(s) all monies received.
- Sign cheques drawn on the account(s) for approved expenditure along with the Chairman or Secretary.
- Keep proper accounts at all times
- Arrange for the accounts to be audited by a person acceptable to the Committee as at 31 March of each year and audited in time for presentation for approval to the Annual General Meeting following the end of the financial year.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Sub-committees shall:

- Comprise at least two Committee members
- Include ex-officio the Chairman and Hon. Secretary.
- Nominate such other co-opted members as desired
- Report to the main Committee all business proposed to fulfill their specified tasks.

DISSOLUTION

A Special General Meeting called for that purpose may dissolve the Association. Audited accounts shall be presented. Any net liabilities shall be contributed in equal shares by the existing members. Any net assets shall be transferred to the Prestwood Village Hall or such other local Association or charity as the Committee may nominate.

Note: Annual Timetable running up to the Annual General Meeting

4 weeks before: Notice issued for AGM. Last chance to become a voting member.

“In time” before AGM: Accounts audited. See comment above

1 week before: Motions and nominations to be received

AGM: Date in May

Approval of Minutes of previous AGM and previous Chairman's report.

Presentation of Chairman's and Treasurer's reports, Adoption of reports, accounts and auditors.

Presentation of Secretary's report on eligibility and nominations.

- Election of Officers.
- Election of Committee.
- Consideration of any other motions received.