

Frieth Village Society

Constitution

April 2024

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1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be the FRIETH VILLAGE SOCIETY.

2. OBJECTIVES

The society shall be an Amenity Society with the following objectives:-

- (1) To encourage high standards of planning and architecture in the area of FRIETH village.
- (2) To stimulate public interest in, and care for, the beauty, character and history of the area.
- (3) To encourage and assist the development and improvement of the amenities and character of the village and surrounding countryside.
- (4) To work in close collaboration with elected representatives and officers of local councils.
- (5) To organise such Social events as the Committee may from time to time decide and other opportunities as might benefit the village.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership shall be open to all persons resident or interested in the village and its neighbourhood, and who support the objectives of the Society.
- b) The Committee, duly appointed as in Rule 8 below, may elect as the Honorary Life Members of the Society such persons as have made substantial contributions to the work of the Society or the life of the village. Such elections shall be announced at the next ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Society.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) Currently no subscription is charged, however subscription rates may be changed, on the recommendation of the Committee, by a simple majority at a General Meeting. AFFILIATION
- b) The Society may be affiliated to any body which in the opinion of the Committee promotes or is likely to promote one or more of the objects of the Society, subject to subsequent ratification at the next AGM of the Society.

5. MEETINGS

- a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year, normally in March. At least TEN DAYS written public notice of the meeting shall be given. For the purpose of these Constitutions 'written' includes electronic communications, including e-mail and the posting of notice on any website from time to time maintained by the Society. The Annual General Meeting shall transact the following business:
 - i. Minutes of previous AGM.
 - ii. Receipt of Reports by Committee and Officers for the previous year, including audited accounts.
 - iii. Election of Officers and Committee Members for the following year.
- b) General meeting of the Society shall be held as necessary. At least TEN DAYS public notice of all such meetings shall be given. The Secretary shall call a General Meeting if so requested by any TEN or more members. Notice shall be valid if delivered one to each member of household or published in the Newsletter or posted on any website from time to time maintained by the Society. The QUORUM for a General Meeting shall be TEN members.

6. NEWSLETTER

- a) The Society shall use reasonable endeavours to publish a NEWSLETTER at least quarterly and deliver a copy to each household in the village as well as members outside the delivery area. The Society reserves the right to use electronic delivery methods for remote members.

7. SOCIETY GOVERNANCE

a) OFFICERS

- i. The society shall have the following officers:-
Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
- ii. In the event of an office becoming vacant between Annual General Meetings, the Committee shall appoint an officer to fill the vacancy until the Annual General Meeting next following.

b) COMMITTEE

- i. The Committee shall consist of NINE members comprising of THREE officers, FIVE elected members and ONE Representative from the Newsletter Editorial Team. Additionally, any member of the Parish Council may be appointed following an invitation to that effect made by the Committee.
- ii. The Committee shall have the power to CO-OPT additional members.

c) ELECTIONS

- i. Nominations for Officers and elected Members of the Committee shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting, supported by a seconder, the consent of the nominee having first been obtained.
- ii. Elections shall take place as necessary at the Annual General Meeting. The election of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of the other Committee members.

d) TENURE OF OFFICE

- i. All Officers shall relinquish office each year and shall be eligible for re- election by simple majority of members present, however, having served for a continuous period of FIVE or more years all Officers standing for re-election shall only be re-elected by TWO-THIRDS majority of members present.
- ii. Elected Members shall relinquish office each year and shall be eligible for re- election by simple majority of members present.

e) FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE

- i. The Committee shall conduct the Management of the Society between General Meetings. A QUORUM for meeting of the Committee shall be FIVE. At least ONE week's notice of its meetings shall be given to the Committee members.
- ii. The Committee may meet and reach decisions by telephone or by other electronic means. A resolution in writing, signed (or equivalent electronic agreement) by all the members of the Committee for the time being shall be as valid and effectual as a meeting of the Committee duly convened and held.

9. FUND RAISING

The Committee shall have the power to make appeals, solicit donations and canvass monies to further the objectives of the Society.

10. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

The Committee shall, out of the monies received by the Society, pay all proper administration and management expenses of the Society, and shall use the residue of such monies as it thinks fit in furtherance of the objectives of the Society.

11. BANK ACCOUNT

The Committee shall maintain an account that is protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and shall have power, if necessary, to use reasonable overdraft facilities, but so that the liability of individual members shall be limited to the account of their respective annual subscriptions in the case of life members.

12. AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by TWO-THIRDS majority of members present at a General Meeting, provided that FOURTEEN DAYS notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members or displayed in the newsletter or posted on any website from time to time maintained by the Society.

13. WINDING UP

In the event of winding-up the Society, the residual funds shall be transferred to such one or more bodies having similar or reasonably similar objectives.