



LINTON VILLAGE SOCIETY CONSTITUTION SEPTEMBER 2019 VERSION

1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be Linton Village Society (LVS).

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of LVS are to defend, protect and enhance the environment of Linton Village, including the institutions within the village, for the benefit of all villagers.

3. MEMBERSHIP

All villagers aged eighteen and over are entitled to become members of LVS and will become members if the household in which they reside pays the annual subscription.

If a household fails to pay the annual subscription within two months of demand being made, then all eligible members of that household shall cease to be members of LVS until the annual subscription is paid for that year.

Eligible villagers can re-join LVS in subsequent years by paying the annual subscription for the year.

The Committee shall have power to decide on the level of the annual subscription and notice of the annual subscription and request for payment, shall be given after the March Committee meeting. If the Committee wishes to increase the annual subscription by more than ten percent then the approval of the members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be needed.

4. COMMITTEE

There shall be a Committee of not less than five members who shall be elected annually at the AGM, comprising a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and two ordinary members.

The maximum number of Committee members shall be ten.

The Committee shall meet not less than four times a year in the months of March, June, September and December but can meet more frequently if necessary.

A quorum at a Committee meeting shall be four.

The Committee shall have the power to expend a maximum sum of £5,000 on a single project in one year but shall not be limited to spending on one project only. For the avoidance of doubt, more than one project can be funded at the discretion of the Committee, each up to the £5,000 limit. If a larger amount is deemed by the Committee to be payable in one year on a single project, then the AGM or an EGM shall be called for the members to approve the additional expenditure.

The Committee shall have power to make financial contributions to other organisations within, or outside, the village, if the Committee considers such contribution satisfy the Objectives of LVS.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members on to the Committee to assist with the general running of LVS or for a specific project, provided that this will not take the Committee membership number above ten

A simple majority will apply to all voting within the Committee. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

5. FINANCE

The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping records of the financial activities of LVS, including an income and expenditure account and a balance sheet.

The accounting year-end shall be 31st March and accounts to that date shall be prepared and independently reviewed for presentation to the AGM.

A reserve fund of £12,000 shall be retained at all times, so that expert, or other, advice can be obtained on relevant issues

If any proposed expenditure would result in reserves falling below £12,000, then the Committee shall have no spending authority, unless approved by members at an AGM or EGM. All expenditure would then need approving by the members, in a similar manner, until the reserves exceed £12,000.

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

The AGM shall take place in June each year and not less than fourteen days notice of that meeting shall be given to members.

If spending resolutions are to be proposed at an AGM then the AGM notice shall contain details of the proposed resolution.

Fourteen days notice of an EGM shall be given and the resolutions to be decided at any EGM shall be included in the notice.

The AGM or an EGM shall be chaired by the Committee Chairman, or in his or her absence, a Chairman for that meeting shall be elected by the meeting.

The accounts shall be presented to the AGM by the Treasurer and a vote approving the accounts shall be undertaken.

Committee members shall be elected at the AGM to hold office until the next AGM.

The appointment of review accountants, for the review of the accounts at the following year end, shall be voted upon at the AGM.

A quorum at an AGM or EGM shall be fifteen and a simple majority is required for all resolutions voted upon. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Voting at General Meetings shall be in person and there shall be no proxy votes.

7. WEBSITE

Notices of all General Meetings and minutes of those meetings, plus minutes of all Committee meetings will be posted on the LVS section of the Linton Village website.