

THE BRAMLEY VILLAGE SOCIETY

1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be THE BRAMLEY VILLAGE SOCIETY

2. OBJECTS

The Society is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area comprising the civil parish of Bramley which area hereinafter be referred to as “the area of benefit”.

- 1) To stimulate public interest in the area of benefit.
- 2) To promote high standards of development planning and architecture in the area of benefit.
- 3) To secure the preservation, protection, development, and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.

In furtherance of the said purposes but not otherwise the Society through its Executive Committee shall have the following powers:

- 1) To promote research into subjects directly connected with the objects of the Society and to publish the results of any such research.
- 2) To act as a co-ordinating body and to co-operate with the local authority, planning committee, sanitary, drainage, and all other local and statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, charities and persons having aims similar to those of the Society.
- 3) To promote or assist in promoting activities of a charitable nature throughout the area of benefit.
- 4) To publish papers, reports and other literature.
- 5) To make surveys and prepare maps and plans and collect information in relation to any place, erection or building of beauty or historic interest within the area of benefit.
- 6) To hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
- 7) To educate public opinion and to give advice and information.
- 8) To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise; provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary purposes.
- 9) To take and accept any gifts of property, whether subject to any special trusts or not.
- 10) To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property for funds of the Society as shall be necessary.
- 11) To borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Society on such terms and on such security as the Executive Committee shall think fit, but such that *there shall be no liability of individual members of the Society.*

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- 12) *To organise social events for the benefit of residents and businesses in the area of benefit.*
- 13) *To provide services to and co-ordination between groups and organisations in the area of benefit.*
- 14) *To ensure effective and regular communication of information that is of interest to residents and organisations in the area of benefit.*
- 15) *To do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the said purposes.*

3. MEMBERSHIP

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All residents of the Civil Parish of Bramley shall be considered as members.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

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There will be no charge for membership.

5. MEETINGS

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An Annual General Meeting (of which at least 28 days' notice shall be given to all Members) shall be held in or about June of each year to receive the Executive Committee's report and audited accounts and to elect Officers and Members of the Committee. *The Committee shall decide when ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held.*

Special General Meetings of the Society shall be held at the written request of *at least 20 members of the Society or by decision of the Executive Committee.*

6 members personally present shall constitute a quorum for a Meeting of the Society.

6. OFFICERS

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25.5.1977

Nominations for the election of Officers shall be made at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be supported by a seconder, and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. The election of officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee members.

The Officers of the Society shall consist of:

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

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all of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. A President and Vice Presidents may also be elected at a General Meeting of the Society for periods to be decided at such a meeting. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies occurring among the Officers of the Society.

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After *five years'* office the Chairman shall not be eligible for election to this post for the following year.

7. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Society. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and not more than 15 other members. The Committee shall have power to co-opt further members (who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity). The Officers and members of the Committee shall normally be resident or work in the area of benefit but the Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members from outside the area of benefit. The President and Vice-Presidents may attend any meeting of the Executive Committee but shall not vote at any such meeting. In the event of any equality in the votes cast the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

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Nominations for election to the Executive Committee shall be made in writing at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting. They must be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place in such manner as shall be determined. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, outgoing members may be re-elected. The Executive Committee shall meet at least six times a year at intervals of not more than two months. The quorum shall, as near as may be, comprise one third of the members of the Executive Committee.

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A member of the Executive Committee who misses four consecutive meetings may be removed by a three-quarters majority of the full Executive Committee.

8. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee may constitute such sub-committees from time to time as shall be considered necessary for such purposes as shall be thought fit. The Chairman and Secretary of each sub-committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and all actions and proceedings of each sub-committee shall be reported to and be confirmed by the Executive Committee as soon as possible. Members of the Executive Committee may be members of any sub-committee and membership of a sub-committee shall be no bar to appointment to membership of the Executive Committee. Sub-committees shall be subordinate to the Executive Committee and may be regulated or dissolved by the Executive Committee.

9. EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS.

The Executive Committee shall, out of the funds of the Society, pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society. After the payment of the administration and management expenses and the setting aside to reserve of such sums as may be deemed expedient, the remaining funds of the Society shall be applied by the Executive Committee in furtherance of the purposes of the Society.

10. INVESTMENT

All monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for its purposes shall be invested by the Executive Committee in or upon such investments, securities or property as it may think fit, subject nevertheless to such authority, approval or consent whether by the *Charity Commissioners or as may for the time being be required by law or by the special trusts affecting any property in the hands of the Executive Committee.*

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11. TRUSTEES

Any freehold and leasehold property acquired by the Society and if the Executive Committee so directs any other property belonging to the Society may be vested in trustees who shall deal with such property as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct. Any trustees shall be at least three in number or a trust corporation. The power of appointment of new trustees shall be vested in the Executive Committee. A trustee need not be a member of the Society. The *Secretary* shall from time to time notify the trustees in writing of any amendment hereto and the trustees shall not be bound by any such amendments in their duties as trustees unless such notice has been given. The Society shall be bound to indemnify the trustees *against all expenses incurred by the trustees* in their duties (including the proper charge of a trustee being a trust corporation) and liability under such indemnity shall be a proper administrative expense.

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22.5.1974

12. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society, provided that 28 days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment the effect of which would be to cause the Society at any time to cease to be a charity in law.

13. NOTICES

Any notice required to be given by these Rules shall be deemed to be duly given if published via electronic communications media available to the majority of members and also posted on the Bramley notice boards

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14. WINDING UP

The Society may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of members voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society confirmed by a simple majority of members voting at a further Special General Meeting held at least 14 days after the previous Meeting.

If a motion for the dissolution of the Society is to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting this motion shall be referred to specifically when notice of the Meeting is given. In the event of the dissolution of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable institutions having objects similar or reasonably similar to those hereinbefore declared as shall be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Meeting of the Society at which the decision to dissolve the Society is confirmed. On dissolution the minute books and other records of the Society shall be deposited with *the Civic Voice*.

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