

Proposed Changes to the Society's Constitution

The Executive Committee decided to review the Society's Constitution this year, and as a result we would like to propose a number of changes with the aim of simplifying it and making it more relevant to the Society's current activities.

Members will be asked to vote on these proposals at the AGM in April. Where only one word has changed, the word in question has been highlighted in red.

Clause 2.1

Existing clause: The Society shall be established for the public benefit of Fleet and Church Crookham and the surrounding area (hereinafter referred to as 'the area of benefit')

Proposed clause: The Society shall be established for the public benefit of Fleet and Church Crookham and the surrounding area (hereinafter referred to as 'the area of interest').

This change would be made wherever the expression 'area of benefit' occurs in the Constitution.

Clause 2.2

Existing clause: The primary objectives of the Society in the area of benefit (hereinafter referred to as the 'Objectives') shall be as follows:

- To protect and enhance the quality of life of the residents.
- To protect and enhance the overall environment, including that associated with recreation.
- To promote high standards of planning and architecture.
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest.
- To promote civic pride and stimulate public interest in the area of benefit.

Proposed clause: The primary objectives of the Society in the area of interest (hereinafter referred to as the 'Objectives') shall be as follows:

- To promote the environmental, social, economic, cultural and recreational improvement of Fleet and Church Crookham for the benefit of people living and working there.
- To promote high standards of planning, urban design and architecture in or affecting Fleet and Church Crookham.
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest.
- To promote high quality public amenities and services for the people of Fleet and Church Crookham.
- To promote harmonious relations among the community of all races, beliefs and cultures in Fleet and Church Crookham.
- To promote civic pride and stimulate public interest in the area of interest.

Clause 2.3 (item 8)

Existing clause: To invite and receive subscriptions contributions or donations provided that the Society shall not undertake any trading activities in raising funds.

Proposed clause: To invite and receive subscriptions, contributions or donations.

Clause 5.5

Existing clause: To vote at the meetings stated above a Member must be present in person and their subscription paid.

Proposed clause: A Member may vote in person or by proxy provided their subscription is paid.

Clause 6 (and throughout the Constitution)

Existing expression: the Executive Committee

Proposed expression: the Committee

Clause 6.7

Existing clause: The Executive Committee may recommend the appointment of a President to be elected at a General Meeting of the Society.

Proposed clause: The Committee may recommend the appointment of a President or Patron to be elected at a General Meeting of the Society.

Clause 9.6

Existing clause: The Executive Committee may direct that property belonging to the Society be vested in Trustees based upon a proper and suitable arrangement to be determined between the Society and Trustees at the appropriate time.

The Executive Committee recommends that this clause should be removed as it is not relevant to the Society's activities.

Clause 11.1

Existing clause: Any notice required to be given by this Constitution shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered by hand, or posted, or sent **be** electronic means, to the address last notified to the Secretary by that Member.

Proposed clause: Any notice required to be given by this constitution shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered by hand, or posted, or sent **by** electronic means, to the address last notified to the Secretary by that Member.

Clause 12.3

Existing clause: On dissolution the minute books and other records shall be offered to Civic Voice.

Proposed clause: On dissolution the minute books and other records shall be offered to Civic Voice or other appropriate organisations.

Summary of changes section

The Executive Committee recommends that this section should be removed as it is not necessary.

Further amendments proposed after publication of notice

[rewording of objectives 3 and 4 in Clause 2.2]

To **promote** the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest.

To promote high quality public amenities, services **and infrastructure** for the people of Fleet and Church Crookham.