

WIMBLEDON COMMON WEST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Constitution

1. NAME

The Name of the Association shall be "Wimbledon Common West Residents' Association".

2. AREA

The Area of the Association ("the Area") is the area which includes all properties in Beech Close, Camp Road, Camp View, Cedar Park, Chester Road, Eversley Park, Hanford Row, Kinsella Gardens, Lordell Place, North View, Sycamore Road, West Place, and Westside Common, London SW 19 and all the area bounded by these roads. The Association in General Meeting may change the area.

3. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are to preserve and improve the character and amenities of the Area and its neighbourhood and to serve and protect the interest of the members in relation thereto. These objects may be varied or extended by resolution of the members in General Meeting or their nominated representative if acceptable to the Committee.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership should be open to all residents in the Area aged 18 years and over. In addition, the Committee may, upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, admit to membership any person who shall have any freehold, leasehold or other interest in any property in the area or his nominated representative if acceptable to the Committee.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

An annual subscription as proposed by the Committee and agreed at the Annual General Meeting shall be payable on joining the Association and every twelve months thereafter.

The subscription paid by one member of the household shall satisfy the subscription requirement for all members resident in that household. The Committee may remove from membership any member whose annual subscription is in arrears for more than three months.

6. RESIGNATION

A member may resign by notice in writing to the Secretary but shall not be entitled to a refund of his current year's subscription.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings of members shall be convened by the Committee or on the requisition of twenty five per cent of the members (with a minimum of ten).

At least twenty-one days' notice shall be given to members on calling a general meeting.

In lieu of a general meeting of members the Committee shall have power to hold a ballot of the members of the Association on any matter which is not reserved to an Annual General Meeting. The result will be decided by simple majority.

An Annual General Meeting of members shall be held once in each calendar year at such time as the Committee may determine and at least twenty-one days' notice thereof shall be given to members.

8. COMMITTEE

The affairs of the Association shall be under the management control of the Committee consisting of not less than two officers and not less than four nor more than ten other members (the Elected Members) of the Association

Further members (not exceeding three in number) may be invited by the Committee to join the Committee (the Co-opted Members).

9. ACCOUNTS

The Committee shall present to the Annual General Meeting the report and accounts of the preceding year.

10. ELECTIONS

Elections for officers and members of the Committee shall be held at the Annual General Meeting.

Elections for officers shall take place as follows -

A. Chairman - at the Annual General Meeting and at every third such meeting thereafter.

B. Secretary - at the Annual General Meeting and at every third such meeting thereafter.

C. Treasurer - at the Annual General Meeting and at every third such meeting hereafter.

The positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will run for three years with the option of one further three-year term if agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

11. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

Committee members may regulate their business as they think fit. They may delegate their functions to sub-committees.

The Committee may from time to time convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of members for the consideration of such business as it shall think fit. Save in the case of an Annual General Meeting the length and manner of notice of any General Meeting shall be as the Committee determines.

12. REQUISITION

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called within twenty-one days of receipt by the Chairman of a requisition signed by not less than ten members specifying the business to be proposed at such a meeting.

13. VOTING

Any question arising at any General Meeting (including the election of Officers and of the Committee) shall be determined by a majority of votes either by show of hands or ballot as the Chairman shall decide. A ballot shall be taken at such time and in such manner (including a postal ballot) as the Chairman may direct. In the case of a tied vote the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote

14. QUORUM

The quorum for General Meetings shall be ten and for Committee Meetings shall be four.

15. MINUTES

Minutes of all proceedings at General Meetings and at Committee Meetings shall be kept. These minutes to be approved at the subsequent meeting.

16. AMENDMENT OF RULES

The members in General Meeting shall have power by resolution to alter, rescind or add to the Rules of the Association.

17. ASSISTANCE OF MEMBERS

The Committee shall have power to furnish assistance (financial or otherwise) to any member involved in any matters which relate to the objects of the Association and which it considers of common interest to members generally.

18. EMPLOYMENT OF ADVISER

The Committee shall have power to employ and remunerate any professional adviser notwithstanding that he may be a member of the Association.

19. INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

No Member of the Committee shall be answerable for any loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution or purported execution of his duties or in relation thereto unless the same shall happen through his dishonesty. The Committee shall have the power to effect such insurance as the Committee considers reasonable in respect of any residual liability.

20. NOTICES

The inadvertent failure to serve a member with any notice required to be given under these Rules shall not invalidate any proceedings in respect of which such notice is given

21. WINDING UP

The members may in General Meeting resolve that the Association be wound up. In that event any surplus funds standing to the credit of the Association after all liabilities have been met may be donated to such Wimbledon Charity or Charities as the Committee shall think fit.