

1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be CHIPSTEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be:

- To secure the good and economical government of the district.
- To support the policy of the Green Belt, and in particular to promote the preservation and development of local rural beauty, including roads and footpaths, open spaces, trees buildings, etc.
- To watch all questions coming before the local authorities and other bodies affecting the district or the residents.
- To consider the services affecting the district or the residents, such as railways, police, education, power, etc., and take such action as may be thought necessary.
- To consider road safety in the district.
- To meet from time to time as necessary to consider matters of concern to the Association.
- To act generally in the interests of the inhabitants of the district.

3. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE NON-PARTY AND NON-SECTARIAN

4. MEMBERSHIP

Any person who is normally resident in a household or is a property owner in Chipstead, or adjacent parishes, shall be eligible for membership, providing that they have attained 18 years of age.

5. SUBSCRIPTION

The subscription for each year ending 31 December shall be set by the Committee.

6. MANAGEMENT

The management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the officers of the Association and other members. The Committee shall take such action as it considers necessary and appropriate in accordance with the objects of the Association, or in accordance with the conclusions of a General Meeting.

The officers of the Association shall be the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. One or more Vice-Chairmen may be appointed by the Committee. A Vice-Chairman shall have the powers of the Chairman in the Chairman's absence.

The Committee shall consist of not more than 15 members of the Association, in addition to the Officers. So far as possible, the Committee shall be representative of all parts of the district.

Nominations of persons other than existing members of the Committee shall be made to the Secretary before the AGM in accordance with the notice convening the meeting, together with the names of the members who will propose and second them at the meeting. A Member of the Borough Council or County Council shall not be eligible for election to the Committee.

Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election provided that they remain members of the Association. Any vacancy in the Committee occurring after the AGM may be filled by the Committee.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt other persons, being members of the Association, but the total number of such Committee, excluding the officers, shall not exceed 15.

Five shall be a quorum.

The Committee shall have power to appoint a Sub-Committee for any purpose, and to co-opt persons thereon other than members of the Committee.

At each AGM a minimum of one of the Committee shall retire and shall not be eligible for re-election until the next AGM.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

The AGM shall be called on such a date, not later than 30 April, as may be determined by the Committee. Not less than 14 days' notice of such meeting shall be given. The Agenda shall include the presentation of a report on the past year's work.

Notice of any resolution to be moved shall be given in writing to the Secretary not less than 7 days before the meeting.

A General Meeting may be called by the Committee at any time. Not less than 7 days' notice shall be given of such meeting.

A Special General Meeting shall be convened, providing the purpose is considered by the Committee to be in accordance with the objects of the Association, within 1 calendar month from a request signed by at least 15 members being received by the Secretary. Such request must specify the purpose for which such meeting is desired, and such purpose shall be specified in the notice calling the meeting. No other business shall be transacted at such meeting. Not less than 7 days' notice of such meeting shall be given.

15 shall be a quorum.

General Meetings shall be open to the Press.

8. VOTING

All matters submitted to meetings of members shall be decided by the vote of a majority of the members present (except as provided in Rule 11) by a show of hands, unless a resolution calling for a ballot shall have been adopted, or unless the Committee consider that the matter in issue is such as to require a referendum among some or all of the members, or a resolution after due notice of a General Meeting.

Each member present shall be entitled to one vote, provided his or her subscription has been paid before the meeting was called. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

9. DISQUALIFICATION

The Committee may remove from membership anyone whose subscription is seriously in arrears, provided that written and unsuccessful application for it has been made including a reference to this rule.

10. ACCOUNTS

A statement of accounts for each year ending 31 December shall be submitted to the Members for approval at each AGM, duly certified by the Independent Examiner of the Association. The Independent Examiner shall be elected at each AGM for the ensuing financial year.

11. ALTERATION OF RULES

These rules may not be altered except at a General Meeting, prior to which 14 days' notice of the proposed alteration or alterations shall have been given by the Secretary. No rule may be altered except with the approval of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

12. DISSOLUTION

The Association shall not be dissolved except in accordance with a resolution of a General Meeting under Rules 7 and 8. In the event of dissolution of the Association, any balance of funds in hand shall be devoted to some local charity or other local purpose or purposes appropriate to the objects of the Association, as may be determined by a General Meeting after notice of the proposal has been given under Rule 7.

13. GENERAL

The interpretation of these Rules and any matter or question not herein otherwise sufficiently provided for shall be dealt with and determined by the Committee.

14. COPIES OF RULES

Each member shall be entitled, on request, to receive a copy of these Rules upon joining.