

CONSTITUTION OF THE LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY

(Charity Number 504387)

1. The Association shall be called The Luddenden Conservation Society (hereinafter called "the Association").
2. The objectives of the Association shall be to-
 - (a) stimulate public interest in the area of benefit, being the village of Luddenden, and surrounding areas of the Luddenden valley which impact upon the village of Luddenden
 - (b) promote high standards of planning and architecture in the area of benefit
 - (c) secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit
 - (d) improve amenities within the area of benefit

and to do all such matters and things which may appear to the Association in general meetings to be necessary to the attainment of the above mentioned.
3. The Association is a nonprofit making Association, and all income shall be applied exclusively to these objects. In the event of the Association being wound up, dissolved or otherwise ceasing to exist, all property and assets shall, after payment of all outstanding liabilities, be paid or transferred to the benefit of an Association having similar charitable objectives.
4. The membership of the Association shall consist of.-
 - (a) Honorary members, who shall be such persons as the *officers of the association* (general committee) may at their discretion consider to qualify for honorary membership because of outstanding contributions they have made to the furtherance of the objectives of the Association.
 - (b) Ordinary members who shall be such private individuals as are interested in the objectives of the Association.
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 - (a) Any person may become an ordinary member by completion of a membership application form, and returning it to an officer of the Association. There is no charge for membership.
 - (b) New members will attain voting rights 28 days after the meeting or Annual General meeting of the Association following receipt of their application form.
6. Subscriptions by members shall be entirely voluntary, so that no-one shall be excluded from joining the Association.
7. The officers of the Association shall be as follows:
 - (a) The Association may appoint a President and such Vice-Presidents as is thought fit. These offices may be for whatever term is thought appropriate.
 - (b) There should normally be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Planning Applications Secretary, Luddenden in Bloom coordinator, and Newsletter Editor, who should normally be elected at the Annual General Meeting. This should not preclude the right of any two members to propose and second nominations for officers by way of a (special) resolution at any other meeting.
8. The secretary should keep or cause to be kept Minutes of all meetings of the Association.

The Treasurer should keep proper books of accounts on behalf of the Association, and present these to the Annual General Meeting, after certification by a competent auditor,

9. The Annual General Meeting- of the Association should be held each year at such time and place as should be deemed appropriate by the officers of the Association.
10. Meetings of the Association should be held at such time and place as is deemed appropriate by the officers of the Association. If meetings have not been held, any five members may ask that a meeting should be arranged by the appropriate officer and this should be carried out within one month.
- 11 Any member desirous of bringing forward any resolution should have the opportunity to do this by giving notice in writing to the Secretary 14 days before a meeting, or at a meeting of the Association if this is deemed appropriate by the Chair.
12. At meetings of the Association, the decision of the Chair upon a question of order, voting, adjournment of the meeting, and interpretation of the rules be final upon any question. In the event of a vote taking place, and numbers being tied, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
13. The Annual General Meeting shall have the power to appoint up to four trustees, and these trustees shall hold such property as is belonging to the Association upon trust for the Association.
14. A sub-committee of three or more members may be elected at a general meeting to address a specific issue. The subcommittee shall, if required, report back to each meeting and shall take direction from resolutions passed at that meeting.
15. No amendment of these rules shall take place except at an Annual General Meeting and be carried by at least two thirds of the members present and voting, provided that no such alteration shall be made which will cause the Association to cease to be a charity at law.

This constitution shall come into force on the 27th September, 2002.