

HEMPSTEAD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

The first Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 22nd June 1970 at 8.15 p.m. All residents aged 14 and upwards (see paras. 3(d) and 4 of attached draft Constitution) are cordially invited to attend.

JOHN POWER....Acting Chairman

HAZEL WEEDON..Acting Hon. Sec.

15.6.70

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Constitution (draft enclosed).
2. Election of Officers and Committee.
3. Report of former Acting Chairman on financial position and proposed financial arrangements.
4. Report of former Acting Secretary.
5. Discussion of future activities.

HEMPSTEAD VILLAGE SOCIETY - Draft Constitution

1. Name The name of the Society shall be the Hempstead Village Society.
2. Objects
  - (a) The objects of the Society shall be to encourage the practical interest of the residents in the development and welfare of the village, and more in particular to encourage high standards of architecture and environmental planning in the Parish of Hempstead.
  - (b) to stimulate public interest in and care for the history, character and appearance of the Parish and its surroundings, together with the general social and educational welfare of its residents.
  - (c) to pursue these ends by means of meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications, other forms of instruction and publicity and promotion of schemes of a charitable nature.
  - (d)
    - (i) to cooperate with and when necessary to make appropriate representations to local and central government authorities in promoting the objects of the Society;
    - (ii) similarly to cooperate as may seem desirable with other organisations, but
    - (iii) subject in both cases to any legal limitations imposed by the charitable status of the Society.
3. Membership
  - (a) Membership shall be open to all who are interested in the aims of the Society. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid 6 months after it is due  
i.e. not later than 31 October in any Membership Year.
  - (b) the Membership Year shall run from 1st May to the following 30th April. Those becoming members on or after the last day of February in any year shall be deemed to be members for the next following Membership Year without payment of a further subscription for that year.
  - (c) New Members may attend all general meetings of the Society and take part in discussion, but may not vote in the election of officers or committee or on matters affecting the finances of the Society or on motions to alter the Constitution, unless they have been members for two calendar months prior to and including the day of the meeting.
  - (d)
    - (i) Junior and student members may attend all general meetings etc. (as above) but may not vote in the election of officers etc.....Constitution.
    - (ii) Student members may become full members on payment of the appropriate subscription.
  - (e) Old Age Pensioners shall be invited to become Honorary Members.
4. Subscriptions The subscriptions shall be:

Life Members	£5
Full Members	5s
Junior Members	3s
(aged 14-18, both birthdays inclusive)	
Student Members	3s
(full-time students aged 18-21, both birthdays inclusive)	

5. Meetings An Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about the month of April of each year of which at least 10 days' notice shall be given to receive the Executive Committee's report and audited accounts and to elect Officers and Members of the Committee. For ordinary meetings of the Society at least seven days' notice shall be given. Special General Meetings of the Society shall be held at the request of not less than one-quarter of the number of full members or if the Committee decide to hold such a meeting. At a Special General Meeting only matters specified on the agenda accompanying the Notice of Meeting shall be ~~given~~. Considered

10 (2) members personally present shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Society.

6. Officers Nominations for the election of Officers shall be made at or 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  
Vice Chairman  
Honorary Secretary  
Honorary Treasurer

all of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

7. Committee (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the above mentioned Officers together with the Convenor of each Working Group\* as approved at each Annual General Meeting (or at a Special General Meeting), - the Convenor to be elected by the Members of the Working Group concerned.

(b) The Convenor of any new Working Group established prior to an Annual General or Special General Meeting shall be invited to join the Committee as a co-opted member.

(c) The above-mentioned Committee shall have power to co-opt further members who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity.

(d) Nominations for election to the Executive Committee shall be made at or before the A.G.M. They must be in writing, 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.

(e) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for running the affairs of the Society, and may take decisions on its behalf. A quorum for Meetings of the Executive Committee shall consist of 4 members.

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\* Footnote The Working Groups in existence at the time of the adoption of this Constitution are:

(i) Footpaths and Bridleways (including Trees and Hedges)  
(ii) Buildings and Environment ( " " " " )  
(iii) Village Maintenance (including Best Kept Village Comp.)  
(iv) Pre-School Play Group Association

8.        Appeals        The Executive Committee shall have power to make appeals, solicit donations and canvass monies for carrying out the objects of the Society.
  
9.        Expenses of Administration        The Executive Committee shall out of the monies received by the Society pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society and shall use the residue of such monies as it thinks fit for or towards the objects of the Society.
  
10.       Investment       All monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for its objects shall be invested by the Executive Committee upon such investments, securities or property as it may think fit, but so that monies subject or representing property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners or of the Minister of Education and Science shall only be invested in such securities as may for the time being be prescribed by law.
  
11.       Borrowing       The Executive Committee may borrow for the objects of the Society such monies at such rate of interest and in such a manner as ~~it may think fit, but except in emergency should not do so without the prior sanction of a General Meeting.~~  
*may be sanctioned by a A.G.M. or an S.G.M.*
  
12.       Amendments       The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that ten days' notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment permitting the expenditure of funds of the Society on any object which is not a charitable object.
  
13.       Winding Up       In the event of the winding-up of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable bodies having objects similar or reasonably similar to those herein before declared as may be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.