



Framlingham Residents' Association

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FRAMLINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

NAME AND OBJECTIVES

1. The Association shall be called Framlingham Residents Association.
2. For the purpose of this Constitution Framlingham consists of the town and those villages and hamlets where the residents rely on the retail, health and economic resources within the town.
3. The objective of the Association shall be to watch, safeguard promote the interests of the residents of Framlingham, ensuring and facilitating appropriate development of housing, industry, commerce, cultural, economic, social and environmental well being.
4. The Association will campaign for development that is sympathetic to or enhances Framlingham's character as a high quality historic market town serving the day to day needs of its residents.
5. In pursuance of its objectives the Association shall encourage (amongst other things):
 - a. The appropriateness, quality and scale of new and adapted buildings within the town and its immediate surroundings
 - b. The timely provision of the infrastructure required to support new development.
 - c. Provision within the town for enhanced public services, including transport, health, education, youth services, libraries, leisure and other cultural activities.
 - d. Effective management of traffic, parking, road safety and cycling.
 - e. The idea of localism and the provision of appropriate private sector retail, leisure, commercial and industrial premises and facilities.
 - f. Biodiversity and ecological management
 - g. The raising of funds and other activities the Association may deem appropriate in the furtherance of its objectives.
6. The Association shall engage in the above matters only where an issue is determined to have clear general impact on the whole community or a significant proportion thereof. The Association shall not normally become involved in planning applications or other disputed issues of an individual nature unless it is determined that such an issue shall provide a precedent that may have wider impact on the community.

MEMBERSHIP

7. The Association shall be non-party political and non-sectarian and will not engage in any form of discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, ageism or sexual orientation.
8. Individual membership of the Association shall be open to any person over the age of 18. Corporate membership shall be open to organisations with a presence in the town. Membership will be subject to payment of the appropriate subscription and approval by the Executive Committee.



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COMMITTEE

9. Only individual members with a home address within Framlingham as defined in paragraph 2 shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings or be elected to serve on the Executive Committee.
10. Membership fees shall be fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting and with immediate effect.
11. Members whose subscriptions are 6 months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned. October 2014

MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

12. The management of the Association shall be undertaken by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and up to eleven other members. To facilitate the creation of the Association the Executive Committee will in the first instance be elected by the 15 founding members. Thereafter the Executive Committee shall be elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Members of the Executive Committee may be given designated job titles at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
13. In no case may any persons who hold office or who are members of any Committee of a political party or are members of Parliament or Councillors of the Framlingham Town Council or Suffolk Coastal District Council be eligible to serve as officers or members of the Executive Committee.
14. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt individuals to fill any vacancies which arise during the year. The Committee shall have the power to remove any member who fails to attend four consecutive Committee meetings after allowing such a member an opportunity for giving their reasons.
15. A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be not less than five members.
16. The Executive Committee shall meet at such intervals as the officers and members deem appropriate, but a meeting may be called on the written requisition of any three officers or members.
17. The Executive Committee may appoint such sub-committees which may from time to time be expedient, the membership to be determined by the Executive Committee and may include individuals who do not qualify as members of the Association.
18. The Executive Committee may seek representation on or affiliation to other associations, bodies or organisations where it is considered that this would further the objectives of the Association.



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19. The financial year shall end on 31st December and the A.G.M. shall be held within the first four months of the end of the financial year on giving the membership not less than 14 days notice. Auditors shall be appointed by the membership at each A.G.M.
20. A Special General Meeting may be called upon receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by five members of the Executive Committee or by not less than 20 members of the Association. The Meeting will be called with 14 days of receipt of the requisition, giving not less than 14 days notice. The notice of the meeting shall state the business of the meeting and only such business can be discussed.
21. A quorum for a General Meeting shall be not less than 10 members. If a quorum is not present 15 minutes after the time the meeting has been called the meeting shall stand adjourned.
22. Every member of the Association shall be supplied with a copy of the Constitution.
23. No alteration or addition shall be made to these Rules except by approval of the membership in a general Meeting. Notice of any proposed changes shall be included in the notice of the meeting. At least 28 days notice shall be given to the Secretary of any proposed alteration or addition.
24. In the event of a tie the Chair of any meeting shall have an additional casting vote.
25. In the event of suspension of the Association's activities the assets of the Association shall be disposed of in accordance with a decision of a Special General Meeting held for the purpose of winding-up the Association.

