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# JOHNS ROAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (JRRA)

# **CONSTITUTION**

### Purpose and objectives

- 1. The Association aims to improve the environment and enjoyment of Johns Road by attending to the repair and maintenance of the road, making it easier, safer, and more comfortable for utility vehicles, drivers, walkers, and horses.
- 2. The Association will attempt to raise funds from residents, and possibly others, to pay for any road works.
- 3. The Association has been formed with the road improvements in mind although it could become involved with other areas of concern to the residents.

### Powers /authority

- 1. Invite and receive contributions and raise funds, where appropriate, to finance the work of the Association and to open a bank account to manage such funds.
- 2. Publicise and promote the work of the Association and organise meetings.
- 3. Work with groups of a similar nature and exchange information, advice, and knowledge with them, including co-operation with other voluntary bodies and the Local Authorities.
- 4. Employ volunteers as necessary, to conduct activities which meet the objectives of JRRA.
- 5. Take any form of lawful action which is necessary to achieve the objectives of the Association.

#### <u>Membership</u>

Membership of JRRA shall be open to residents of Johns Road and anyone who resides in connecting roads and travels on Johns Road, has an interest in assisting the Group to achieve its aim, and is willing to adhere to the Constitution.

Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the aims and activities of the Association, the Committee shall have the power to refuse membership, or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member by resolution passed at a Committee meeting.

## Management Committee/Officers

- 1. The Association shall be administered by a Committee of no less than three (3) people and no more than eight (8), who must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and not members of the same family.
- 2. The Committee will be elected by members for a period of up to one year, but may be reelected at the AGM.
- 3. The Committee should consist of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and any additional officers considered appropriate to carry out the required activities.

## <u>Meetings</u>

- 1. The Committee shall meet periodically as deemed suitable by officers in order to discuss actions, monitor progress to date, and to consider future developments.
- 2. All members shall be given a minimum of seven (7) days' notice of meetings, unless deemed an emergency situation.
- 3. Three (3) Committee members must be present in order for a meeting to provide any decisions on behalf of the Association, and the Chairperson (or designated deputy) shall ensure that Minutes are recorded and circulated to members.
- 4. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall take place no later than three (3) months after the end of the financial year. At least fourteen (14) days' notice must be given to all JRRA members of an AGM /SGM (Special General Meeting).
- 5. All JRRA members are entitled to vote at the AGM by show of hands on a majority basis. The Chairperson or appointed deputy shall have a deciding vote in the event of any tied result.

## Finance

- Funds acquired (donations, contributions, subscriptions) shall be administered in an account operated by the Committee in the name of Johns Road Residents' Association. All funds must be applied to the objectives and running costs of the group and for no other purpose.
- 2. A Bank account shall be opened in the name of Johns Road Residents' Association. Any amendments to the account will require the signatures/authorisation of 2 signatories. The three JRRA officers will have signing/authorisation authority.
- 3. Any income/expenditure shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer who should ensure the funds are utilised effectively and that the Association stays within budget.
- 4. An annual financial report shall be presented at the AGM. The accounting year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## **Responsibilities**

The JRRA Committee, or any of its officers and members, shall not be responsible for damages or injuries to any person, animal, vehicle or machine using or repairing any section of Johns Road.

### **Alteration of the Constitution**

Amendments to the Constitution shall be conveyed to the Secretary formally in writing. The Committee shall then circulate the amendments to all members requesting their comments and then decide on a date of an SGM to discuss the proposals, giving members fourteen (14) days' notice. Members can attend the SGM should they so wish.

Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by a majority vote at a SGM.

#### **Dissolution**

The Association may be dissolved, if deemed necessary by the members, by a majority vote at an AGM/SGM. Any assets, or remaining funds after debts have been paid, shall be returned to their providers or transferred to local charities or similar groups at the discretion of the Committee.

This amended Constitution was adopted at a Special General Meeting of the JRRA Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

Signed on behalf of the JRRA Committee by: Trevor Sykes

TREVOR SYKES, CHAIRMAN

Dated:  $5^{TH}$  December, 2022