

CONSTITUTION

SOUTH HILL CONNECTION

1. The name of the organisation shall be:

South Hill Connection (SHC)

2. The objects of the organisation are

- To provide a focal point for the Parish and its activities
- A place where all residents of the Parish and surrounding areas can find out what is happening in South Hill
- To advertise local clubs, activities and businesses
- To summarise the online content periodically in a form that can be printed and circulated to those who do not have access to the internet.

3. Powers

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the organisation may exercise the following procedures:

- i) Power to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions provided that in raising the organisation Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law;
- ii) Power to buy, take on lease or in exchange any property necessary for the achievement of the objects and to maintain and equip it for use;
- iii) Power to subject any consents required by law to sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property of the organisation;
- iv) Power subject to any consents required by law to borrow money and to charge all or any part of the property of the organisation with repayment of the money so borrowed;
- v) To recruit and support volunteers as necessary for the proper pursuit of the organisations objects;
- vi) Power to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the objects or of similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them;
- vii) Power to establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects;

- viii) Power to do all such lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

4. Annual General Meeting

AGM will be held in the month of September in each year or as soon as practicable afterwards The Committee shall consist members who shall be elected from the public at each Annual General Meeting and shall include appointments to the following posts:

Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer

5. Committee Meetings will be held:

- i) Once monthly, or as deemed necessary
- ii) There shall be a quorum when three persons are present at the meeting.
- iii) When a vote is taken the matter shall be decided by a majority of those present and voting. In the case of equality of votes the chair shall have a second or casting vote.
- iv) In the absence of the chair or secretary the first business of the meeting shall be to ensure that a substitute is appointed for the duration of the meeting.
- v) A summary record of all meeting shall be kept by the Secretary and agreed at each subsequent meeting

6. Control of Funds and Finance

- i) Will be the responsibility of the Treasurer who will keep proper accounts that will be audited annually, if necessary. The accounts for which will be presented to the members at the next Annual General Meeting.
- ii) Income of the organisation shall be paid into a bank account.
- iii) Withdrawals from the bank shall require the signature of at least two of the aforesaid officers. An online banking facility has been set up so that payments can be made without needing two signatories; however,

it was agreed that if an invoice was more than £100 two people will need to approve the payment, including the secretary.

- iv) All monies received by and belonging to the organisation shall be spent or applied in accordance with the objects of the organisation.
- v) Surplus funds from year to year shall be retained by the Group for use as in 6 iv)

7. Change of Constitution

Any part of the constitution except clauses 2, 7 & 8 can be changed at the Annual General Meeting with at least one months notice given and by the agreement of the Committee. Any changes to Clause 1 must reflect the objects of the organisation as defined by Clause 2.

8. Dissolution

The dissolution of the organisation will be agreed by the Committee and it's members at a General Meeting. Should the group be wound up by a decision of its Committee, and after all its debts and liabilities have been satisfied, any remaining property shall not be paid or distributed among the Committee members of the organisation but shall be given or transferred to some other body or bodies with charitable objects similar to the Objects of the organisation.