

Constitution of the Ash Green Residents' Association

The Association to be formed shall be known as the
Ash Green Residents' Association

Objectives

To look after the interests of the residents in the village and to preserve and enhance the rural amenities and characteristics of the area.

To work for improved conditions in the village of Ash Green by contact with Local Authorities and other bodies upon whom the general wellbeing of the village depends.

To encourage and further the ideal of service within the community.

To encourage and promote social activities.

Constitution membership

Membership shall be open to all residents of Ash Green and any other interested party agreed by the council. A maximum of two members of any one family to have voting rights. Any member so designated may nominate another member of the family, or other member of the association to represent him/her at the Association's meeting, so long as notice is given in writing to the Chairman before the commencement of the meeting. Any member moving from the village shall be automatically removed from the membership unless otherwise approved by the Council.

Governing Body

The governing body of the Association shall be known as The Council, and be constituted as provided in the bye-laws.

Bye-Laws

1. The Council shall comprise of Chairman, secretary, treasurer and a maximum of nine (9) ordinary members as representatives of the village as possible.
2. The council to exercise general control over all Officers and Committees of the Association and may, if necessary, declare any office vacant.
3. The Council to have power to co-opt additional members to the Council or Committees.
4. All terms of office shall be for twelve (12) months, but any or all shall be eligible for re-election at the AGM.
5. The Association is not concerned with party politics or sectarian religion.

6. The welfare of the community is of concern to members of the Association and the merits of any public question involving such welfare may be discussed at meetings of the Association. Public comment should be made through the Council.
7. All obligations undertaken by the Council shall be obligations of the Association. All residents are automatically members of the Association whether or not they have made a donation. All existing funds and any future funds will be used in accordance with the objectives and bye-laws of the Association. No member shall be absolved from observance of such Constitution and Bye-laws on the plea that he/she has not received a copy of them.
8. The Association may be dissolved at a Special Meeting asked for the purpose; and at least one month notice in writing shall be given to members, providing that on a motion to the effect being duly made and seconded it shall be passed by not less than two thirds (2/3) majority of those who, being entitled to do so, vote in person.
9. Special Meeting of the Council may be called by the Chairman and Secretary or upon the request of six (6) members of the Association. At least forty eight (48) hours notice must be given.
10. Two thirds of the total members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
11. Committees for the different sections of the Association shall be appointed only by the Council.
12. Meetings of the Council shall be held as deemed necessary at a place to be decided by the Council.
13. The election of the Council shall be by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The newly elected Chairman and Council will assume duties for the next twelve months.
14. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be circulated by the Secretary at least seven days prior to the meeting.
15. Nominations for the Council, signed by a proposer and seconded, to be handed to the Secretary before the commencement of the AGM.
16. The Financial Year of the Association shall end as the 31st of March each year, and a Statement of Accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM, which will be held during the first three months of the following year.
17. Amendments to the Constitution and Bye-Laws may be made at a meeting of the full Council and passed by four fifths (4/5) majority. Such amendment, if agreed by the Council, to be approved at the next AGM and passed by two thirds (2/3) majority of those present and authorized to vote. A special General Meeting may be convened for the purpose.

This Constitution amended by Council on 13th February 1985, and supersedes all earlier copies/versions.