

Constitution

Adopted by the Group on 29th April 2010

1. Name

The name of the Group shall be Beckingham Community Planning Group (hereinafter called “the Group”).

2. Status and Object

2.1 The Group is a Committee of Beckingham Parish Council (“the Parish Council”).

2.2 The object of the Group is to develop a Community Led Plan for the parish of Beckingham.

2.3 The Group will work to complete such a plan before the end of 2012.

3. Powers

In furtherance of its object but not otherwise, the Group may:-

- (a) use funds in any lawful manner provided that advice is taken whenever prudent to do so;
- (b) raise funds by any lawful means except permanent trading; and
- (c) accept gifts either for the general purposes of the Group or for a specific purpose within or connected with the object of the Group.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership of the Group is open to any individual who is a resident of the parish.

4.2 Each member has one vote at meetings of the Group.

4.3 The Group will keep a list of all members and other people interested in participating.

5. Management

5.1 The general management of the Group shall be in the hands of the members.

5.2 The officers of the Group shall be a chairman, secretary and treasurer.

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5.3 As a Committee of the Parish Council, the officers will endeavour to ensure that at least one Parish Councillor attends meetings or is kept informed of progress.

6. Finance

6.1 All funds of the Group shall be paid into an account operated by the treasurer in the name of the Group and all funds must be used in furthering the object of the Group.

6.2 No member of the Group may be employed by the Group or receive any payment or other benefit from the funds of the Group except for reasonable out of pocket expenses properly incurred for the purpose of the Group.

6.3 The treasurer is responsible for keeping books of account and for the preparation of an annual statement of accounts for the Group.

6.4 The officers shall ensure that an annual report and the annual statement of accounts are submitted to the Parish Council.

6.5 All withdrawals from the Group's account shall be authorised by the Group and signed by at least two of the officers.

6.6 The treasurer shall arrange for the auditing or independent examination of the accounts to the reasonable satisfaction of the Principal Finance Officer of the Parish Council.

7. Dissolution

7.1 If the officers of the Group decide by a majority that it is advisable to dissolve the Group, they shall call a meeting of the members of the Group. Notice of this meeting shall be at least 21 days. If at the meeting a motion to dissolve the Group is passed by a majority vote, the officers shall have power to dispose of any assets held in the name of the Group.

7.2 Any assets remaining, after all outstanding debts have been paid, shall be paid to or as directed by the Parish Council.

8. Alteration of the Constitution

8.1 Any proposal to alter this constitution must be delivered in writing to the secretary of the Group.

8.2 Any alteration will require the approval of a majority vote at a meeting and the consent of the Parish Council.