

STOCKTON IN THE FOREST VILLAGE HALL

Charity no: 523419

CONSTITUTION

INTRODUCTION

The Stockton on the Forest Village Hall is a registered charity No 523419 run and maintained by Trustees for the benefit of the residents of Stockton- on- the- Forest village and its' environs. Its status arises from and is defined by the conveyance dated 20th October 1947

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The Charity is to provide and maintain the hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish and its environs without distinction as to sex, race, colour, political or religious belief and to advance education and provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreational and leisure time activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the local inhabitants.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Charity is to be Managed and Administered by a Committee to act as the Charity Trustees within the meaning of Section 46 of the Charities Act 1960

The Committee is to comprise of not more than 16 members to include a Chairman, Treasurer, Booking Secretary and Minutes Secretary plus representative members from user organisations and elected members from the Annual General Meeting.

All members are to retire from office at the A.G.M a year after they came into office but may be re-elected or re-appointed at the same meeting.

Casual vacancies in membership do not invalidate the proceedings of the Committee

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional or replacement members as may be deemed necessary. A quorum at committee shall be not less than 4 members.

The Committee shall meet at regular intervals throughout the year at the discretion of the Chairman but shall not be less than 6 times.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There shall be Annual General Meeting held in April or as soon as practical thereafter of each year to receive and adopt a Statement by the Treasurer of the Hall's accounts and receive reports from other officers on activities in the Hall over the past year and to elect a Committee for the coming year.

A Public Notice is to be given at least 14 days before the date of the A.G.M. The A.G.M. is open to all inhabitants of Stockton on the Forest and its environs who have attained the age of 18 years.

FINANCE

The Halls' financial year shall end 31st March of each year.

In furtherance of the objectives of the Hall the Management Committee shall raise finance by way of hire charges on hall users, by fundraising or any such other means that may be decided and ratified at the A.G.M.

Cheques shall have a minimum of two committee members signatures before being issued.

No member of the Committee shall receive payment for their services. No person shall be authorised to contract debts or otherwise incur financial liability on behalf of the Hall except in pursuance of a directive from the Committee.

MINUTES

The Minutes Secretary will keep a record of all resolutions and business transacted at Committee and Annual General Meetings.

DISSOLUTION

If the Management Committee decide on the grounds of expense or otherwise that it is necessary to cease use of the Village Hall for its original uses it shall call a meeting of the inhabitants of Stockton on the Forest who are 18 years of age or over giving a minimum of 14 days' notice of such meeting. If the decision of the Special General Meeting is to cease current function then with the permission of the Charity Commission the building and land may be sold and the monies used for such other Charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Stockton on the Forest as the Charity Commission may approve.

Dated 2nd February, 2017