

Constitution and Rules of the Friends of Victoria Park Finchley

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1. NAME

- i) The name of the Society shall be the FRIENDS of VICTORIA PARK FINCHLEY.

2. PRELIMINARY

In these rules:

- i) the expression “the Society” means the Society constituted by these rules;
- ii) the expression “Steering Committee” means the committee that manages the society;
- iii) the expressions “Secretary” and “Treasurer” mean the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer for the time being of the Society;
- iv) the expressions “this Constitution” and “these Rules” include any amendment thereof for the time being in force.
- v) The “Open Space” shall refer to Victoria Park, Finchley, and any green space, not a privately owned garden, immediately adjacent thereto.

3. OBJECTIVES

- i) to contribute, in whatever way possible, to protecting and enhancing the amenities of Victoria Park Finchley.
- ii) to promote Victoria Park for the benefit of the communities of the London Borough of Barnet and Greater London, working in partnership with them to enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors to the Open Space.
- iii) the Society will seek to work in partnership with the Council and to involve local groups and other interested organisations in the management of the park.
- iv) In order to achieve the objectives the committee members have the power to:
 - Raise funds, receive grants and donations
 - Apply funds to carry out the work of the group
 - Co-operate with and support other charities with similar purposes
 - Do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve these purposes.

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- v) the Secretary shall within 28 days give notice of a special meeting of the Society upon receipt of a written requisition signed by no less than a quorum which shall be 5% of the membership (including one member each of any one family or group in membership) or at the request of the Steering Committee. The requisition shall specify the business to be transacted at the meeting and no other business shall be transacted at the meeting.

7. STEERING COMMITTEE

- i) the Steering Committee shall be responsible for the general administration, management and control of the affairs and property of the Society.
- ii) the Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a minimum of three other members.
- iii) the Committee shall have the power to co-opt any member of the Society to be a member of the Committee and to fill any casual vacancy.
- iv) the Committee shall have the power to appoint advisors each year at their first committee meeting after the AGM, or as agreed by the Steering Committee.
- v) The Steering Committee shall hold at least 3 meetings each year.
- vi) At least 3 Steering Committee members shall be present to take decisions. If it is not practical to hold a meeting, decisions may be taken by consulting with Steering Committee members by phone or in writing by post or on the internet. At least 3 members must give their views.
- vii) If a Steering Committee member has a conflict of interest, they must declare it and leave the meeting while this matter is being discussed or decided.
- viii) Steering Committee members may make reasonable additional rules to help run the Society.

8. FINANCE

- i) The Steering Committee may open, close or operate a bank account if necessary by using Business Internet Banking and Business Telephone Banking. The steering committee will allow the power of delegation such that the organisation can use Business Internet Banking and Business Telephone Banking. The power will be delegated automatically, on their election, to the Chairman and the Treasurer. Similarly the Chairman and the Treasurer will be able to obtain and use a Business Debit Card to draw cash from banking machines or to use banking machines in any other way in furtherance of the Society's business.
- ii) The Society shall have the power to raise subscriptions from individuals, families and groups and to receive money by way of donations, legacies and grants and other sources.

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- ii) The Society may be dissolved by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society confirmed by a simple majority of members voting at a further Special General Meeting held not less than 14 days after the previous Meeting. If a motion for the dissolution of the Society is to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, this motion shall be referred to specifically when notice of the Meeting is given. In the event of the dissolution of the Society there remains after the payment of all expenses and the settling of all liabilities properly incurred, any residual property or money, this shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to such one or more charitable institutions having objects similar or reasonably similar to those of the Society as shall be chosen by the Steering Committee and approved by the meeting of the Society at which the decision to dissolve the Society is confirmed. On dissolution the minute books and other records of the Society shall be deposited with the Greenspaces Section, London Borough of Barnet or the Finchley Society.

This constitution was adopted at a quorate meeting of the Steering Committee of The Friends of Victoria Park Finchley, on Tuesday March 7th at 43 Etchingham Park Road, London N3 2EB and amended by a quorum of email votes on 24th to 26th June 2017.

Chair Friends of Victoria Park Finchley..... 

Secretary Friends of Victoria Park Finchley..... 