

THE FULHAM SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be THE FULHAM SOCIETY.

2. OBJECTS

- (1) The Society is established
 - (a) to promote the safeguarding of and improvements and additions to the public benefit and amenities enjoyed by those who live and work in the area comprising the Borough of Fulham as it existed prior to the London Government Act 1963 (which area is hereafter called the “Area of Benefit”)
 - (b) to stimulate public interest in the Area of Benefit
 - (c) to promote high standards of planning and architecture in the Area of Benefit
 - (d) to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the Area of Benefit
- (2) In furtherance of the said Objects but not otherwise the Society, through its Executive Committee, shall have the following powers
 - (a) to promote research into subjects directly connected with the objects of the Society and to publish the results of any such research
 - (b) to act as a co-ordinating body and co-operate with the local authority, planning committees, sanitary, drainage and all other local and statutory authorities, and with voluntary and community organisations, charities and persons having aims similar to those of the Society
 - (c) to promote or assist in promoting activities of a charitable nature throughout the Area of Benefit
 - (d) to publish papers, reports and other literature
 - (e) to make surveys and prepare maps and plans and collect information in relation to any place, erection or building of beauty or historic interest within the area of benefit
 - (f) to hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions
 - (g) to educate public opinion and to give advice and information
 - (h) to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise, provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading
 - (i) to take and accept any gifts of property, whether subject to any special trusts or not
 - (j) to sell, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or funds of the Society as shall be necessary

- (k) to borrow or raise money for the Objects of the Society on such terms and on such security as the Executive Committee shall think fit, but so that the liability of individual members of the Society shall in no case extend beyond the amount of their respective annual subscriptions
- (l) to do all such things as are necessary for the attainment of the said Objects

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Membership shall be open to all who are interested in the Objects of the Society
- (2) No Member shall have the power to vote at any meeting of the Society nor be eligible to be nominated or elected as an Officer or member of the Executive Committee if their subscription is in arrears at the time
- (3) Junior Members shall be those aged less than 18 years at the time their subscription is due and they shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society

4. SUBSCRIPTION

- (1) The annual subscription for each member shall be as fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee
- (2) The Executive Committee may reduce the annual subscription for Junior Members and such other persons as it may specify from time to time. Anyone paying a reduced subscription shall not be entitled to vote at Meetings of the Society
- (3) The Executive Committee may also fix and vary from time to time the conditions and subscription for corporate membership provided that not more than one vote per the amount of the full annual subscription charged to other Members shall be given
- (4) Annual subscriptions shall fall due on the 25th March and the subscription of any Member joining in the preceding two months shall be regarded as covering membership for one year from the 25th March following
- (5) If any subscription shall remain unpaid for twelve months after it has become due membership shall lapse

5. MEETINGS

- (1) An Annual General Meeting shall be held within eight months of the end of the Society's financial year
 - (a) to receive the Chairman's report on behalf of the Executive Committee and the audited accounts for the financial year ended 26th March
 - (b) to elect a President and Vice-Presidents in accordance with sub-clause 6 (4)
 - (c) to elect Officers and members of the Executive Committee

- (d) to conduct such business as the Executive Committee shall have decided upon and to consider any motions proposed in accordance with this clause
- (2) Retiring Officers and Executive Committee members shall remain in office until the close of such Annual General Meeting
- (3) Extraordinary Meetings of the Society may be held from time to time at the discretion of the Executive Committee and shall also be held upon the written request of not less than thirty Members. Any such request must be accompanied by a notice of the reasons for the request and the wording of any motion to be considered
- (4) The Executive Committee shall decide when and where Meetings of the Society shall be held and shall give at least twenty-one days notice of all meetings to all members
- (5) Members personally present shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Society
- (6) The fact that any Member or Members have inadvertently not been notified or duly notified of any meeting shall not invalidate such meeting or any resolution passed or any election or appointment made thereat
- (7) Any Member wishing to propose a motion at an Annual General Meeting shall give at least forty-five days' notice thereof in writing to the Honorary Secretary and such proposed motion may at the Executive Committee's sole discretion be circulated to Members not less than three days before such Meeting together with any comment the Executive Committee may wish to make thereon. Such proposal for a motion must be seconded by a Member and supported in writing by not less than twenty other Members
- (8) Elections, voting on motions and resolutions shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote, save for the purposes of Clauses 12 and 14 hereof, and in the case of an equal vote, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote

6. OFFICERS

- (1) Nominations for election of Officers, proposed and seconded by Members entitled to vote and with the consent of the nominee, must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting. The election of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Executive Committee members
- (2) The Officers of the Society shall consist of:-
 - The Chairman
 - The Vice Chairman
 - The Honorary Secretary
 - The Honorary Membership Secretary

The Honorary Treasurer

all of whom shall subject to Clause 5 relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting, except that the Chairman shall not be so eligible after serving for five years

- (3) No publicly elected holder of political office representing an area which includes or is included in the Area of Benefit may be an Officer of the Society
- (4) A President and such number of Vice-Presidents not exceeding six at any one time may also be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, for the ensuing year
- (5) The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill posts to which no person is elected at the Annual General Meeting and casual vacancies occurring among the Officers of the Society

7. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Society
- (2) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and not more than fifteen other members. The Executive Committee shall have the power between Annual General Meetings to appoint members to fill vacancies in its number and to co-opt up to three further members
- (3) No publicly elected holder of political office who represents an area which includes or is included in the Area of Benefit may be a member of the Executive Committee
- (4) The Officers and members of the Executive Committee shall normally be resident or work in the Area of Benefit
- (5) Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. Outgoing members may be re-elected, subject to Sub-Clause 10 hereof
- (6) Nominations for election to the Executive Committee, proposed and seconded by Members entitled to vote and with the consent of the nominee, must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than 7 days before the Annual General Meeting. If nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place in such manner as shall be determined
- (7) The Executive Committee shall meet not less than six times a year at intervals of not than two months and the Honorary Secretary shall give all Members not less than seven days' notice of each meeting
- (8) The President and Vice-Presidents may attend any meeting of the Executive Committee but shall not vote at any such meeting
- (9) The quorum shall, as near as may be, comprise one third of the members of the Executive Committee. In the event of an equality of the votes cast, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote
- (10) Members of the Executive Committee should attend not less than one half of the ordinary meetings of the Executive Committee in any one year running between Annual General Meetings, unless good cause can be shown to the

satisfaction of the Officers, failing which, such Executive Committee member shall be ineligible for re-election to the Executive Committee at the next Annual General Meeting. Members of the Executive Committee are also expected to attend all Meetings of the Society

8. SUB-COMMITTEES

- (1) The Executive Committee may constitute such sub-committees from time to time as shall be considered necessary for such purposes as shall be thought fit
- (2) The Chairman and Secretary of each sub-committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and all actions and proceedings of each sub-committee shall be reported to and be confirmed by the Executive Committee as soon as possible
- (3) Members of the Executive Committee may be members of any such sub-committee and membership of a sub-committee shall be no bar to appointment to membership of the Executive Committee
- (4) Sub-committees shall be subordinate to the Executive Committee and may be regulated or dissolved by the Executive Committee

9. EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

- (1) The Executive Committee shall, out of the funds of the Society, pay proper expenses of administration and management of the Society
- (2) After payment of the administration and management expenses and the setting aside to reserve of such sum as may be deemed expedient, the remaining funds of the Society shall be applied by the Executive Committee in furtherance of the Objects of the Society

10. INVESTMENT

All monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for its purposes shall be invested by the Executive Committee in or upon such investments securities or property as it may think fit, subject nevertheless to such authority, approval or consent as may for the time being be required by law or by the special trusts affecting any property in the hands of the Executive Committee.

11. TRUSTEES

- (1) Any freehold and leasehold property acquired by the Society shall and, if the Executive Committee so directs, any other property belonging to the Society may be vested in trustees who may deal with such property as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct
- (2) Any trustees shall be at least three in number or a trust corporation. The power of appointment of new trustees shall be vested in the Executive Committee
- (3) A trustee need not be a member of the Society but no person whose membership lapses by virtue of Clause 4 hereof shall thereafter be qualified to act as a trustee unless and until re-appointed as such by the Executive Committee

- (4) The Honorary Secretary shall from time to time notify the trustees in writing of any amendment hereto and the trustees shall not be bound by any such amendments in their duties as trustees unless such notice has been given
- (5) The Society shall be bound to indemnify the trustees in their duties (including the proper charge of a trustee being a trust corporation) and liability under such indemnity shall be a proper administrative expense

12. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at a General Meeting of the Society, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members with notice of the meeting, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment the effect of which would be to cause the Society at any time to cease to be a charity in law

13. NOTICES

Any notice required to be given by these rules shall be deemed to be duly given if left at or sent by prepaid post addressed to the address of that member last notified to the Honorary Membership Secretary

14. WINDING UP

- (+) The Society may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of members voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society called for that purpose by the Executive Committee
- (2) If a motion for a 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
- (3) In the event of the dissolution of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable institutions having objects similar or reasonably similar to those hereinbefore declared as shall be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Meeting of the Society at which the decision to dissolve the Society is made
- (4) On dissolution the minute books and other records of the Society shall be deposited with an appropriate local archive

As approved by the Society in General Meeting 24th November 2003

Niel Redpath
Chairman