



The Putney Society

RULES OF THE CONSTITUTION

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1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be 'THE PUTNEY SOCIETY'.

2. OBJECTS

The Objects of the Society shall be to promote the preservation, development and improvement for the public benefit of the character and amenities of the Putney and Roehampton area and particularly the lands and buildings of beauty or of historic, ecological or other public interest in that area.

In furtherance of the purposes but not otherwise the Society shall have the following powers:-

- a. to stimulate public consciousness and appreciation of the beauty, history and character of Putney and Roehampton.
- b. to encourage the preservation, development and improvement of the features which go to make pleasant and convenient the conditions and environment of all those persons who live or work in Putney or Roehampton; and
- c. to promote high standards of planning, architecture and civic design in Putney and Roehampton.

3. FUNDS

The funds of the Society shall be devoted to the objects of the Society and on dissolution, after payment of the outstanding debts and liabilities of the Society, any remaining assets shall be transferred to another charitable organisation with similar objects or be applied for such similar charitable purposes as the Society, with the approval of the Charity Commissioners, shall determine.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Membership of the Society shall be open to any individual or organisation, corporate or incorporate, whose application is accepted by the Executive Committee.
- (b) Categories of membership and rates of subscription shall be such as may be determined by the Society in General Meeting.
- (c) Subscriptions shall be paid on acceptance of an application for membership and thereafter an annual subscription shall become due on the 1st January in each year, save that the first subscription of a Member joining the Society after the 31st August in any year shall not expire until the 31st December in the following year.
- (d) Membership shall lapse if the annual subscription is unpaid six months after it is due, unless the Executive Committee shall otherwise determine.
- (e) The Executive Committee may elect any individual or organisation as an Honorary Member (without voting powers) for such period and subject to such conditions as it may think fit.

5. GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) The Annual General meeting of the Society shall be held not later than the last day of March in each year to transact the following business :-

(i) To receive, and if approved, to adopt the Annual Report of the Executive Committee and the audited statement of the Society's accounts to the end of the preceding financial year.

(ii) To elect the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Officers of the Society and the elected Members of the Executive Committee.

(iii) To elect an Auditor.

(iv) To determine the categories of membership and the rates of subscription.

(v) To transact any other business.

(b) A Special General Meeting of the Society may be called at any time by the Executive Committee. A Special General Meeting shall also be convened by the Honorary Secretary within 21 days of receipt of a requisition in writing signed by not less than 25 members stating the object for which such a meeting is to be convened and the terms of any resolution to be moved.

(c) A resolution to effect a change in the rates of subscription, to amend the constitution or to dissolve the Society and any resolution proposed by Members requisitioning a Special General Meeting shall be a Special Resolution and shall require a majority of not less than two thirds of the Members present and voting.

(d) Members shall be given no less than 14 days' notice of every Annual General Meeting and not less than seven days' notice of every Special General Meeting: such notice shall state the business to be transacted and the terms of any Special Resolution to be moved.

(e) Not less than 21 days' notice of any Special Resolution to be moved, otherwise than by the Executive Committee, at any General Meeting shall be given to the Honorary Secretary.

(f) The accidental omission to give notice of a General Meeting to one or more Members or the non receipt of notice by one or more Members shall not affect the validity of the meeting.

(g) Ten Members present at the beginning of a General Meeting shall form a quorum. Each Member present at the meeting shall have one vote and the chairman of the meeting, in the case of an equality of votes, shall have a second or casting vote. 'Member' includes the accredited representative of any organisation which is a Member of the Society.

6. PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

A President and not more than eight Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Society in General Meeting. The President (or in his or her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents) shall chair the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall retire at the conclusion of each Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.

7. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Society shall be a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) The business of the Society shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of not more than 18 persons comprising the Officers of the Society, not more than 12 persons elected as Members of the Executive Committee by the Society in General Meeting, and such other persons as may be co-opted under Clause 8 (d).

(b) Nominations for election as an Officer of the Society or a Member of the Executive Committee shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than 7 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. The consent of the nominee must be obtained and the nomination must be seconded by another member of the Society.

(c) The Officers of the Society and the Members of the Executive Committee shall retire at the conclusion of each Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt (so however that the total number of those comprising the Executive Committee shall not exceed 18) and may elect from their own number a Vice-Chairman and one or more Deputy Chairmen.

(e) Nine members of the Executive Committee present at the beginning of a meeting of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum.

(f) The Executive Committee may establish such subcommittees, working parties or officials as it sees fit and may appoint thereto any Members of the Society.

(g) The Executive Committee shall establish such panels as it considers necessary for the furtherance of the objects of the Society and shall appoint a Convener of each such panel. The attendance of Members of the Society at meetings of each panel shall be unrestricted.

9. FINANCE

The Financial year of the Society shall end on 31st December of each year

10. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution shall only be amended by a Special Resolution carried in General Meeting, provided that no amendment shall be made to the Objects Clause, the Dissolution Clause or this Clause itself without the prior consent of the Charity Commissioners.

11. DISSOLUTION

The Society shall only be dissolved by a Special Resolution carried in General Meeting.