

Barford Residents Association

AMENDED DRAFT W/O CHANGES SHOWN

THE CONSTITUTION

1. The group will be called The Barford Residents Association (“the Association”).
2. The aim of the Association is to conserve the village of Barford and its environment and the rural character of the area and to represent the interests of the residents in these and related matters.
3. All residents of the parish of Barford aged 18 or over shall be eligible for membership of the Association and will be informed about the Association's activities from time to time by means of the Barford parish notice boards and other means of publication.
4. The Association may advise other bodies of its official existence so that it may consult and be consulted on any matter likely to affect the area and may seek to liaise with similar local, regional or national organisations.
5. The Association shall have the power to raise funds, if and when it may be deemed necessary.
6. An Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) will be held at least once a year, by at least three weeks notice using the publicity methods in 3. above.
7. The Association shall have a Management Committee which will be elected by a general meeting of the Association and this Committee will normally consist of not less than five and no more than ten members (unless the Association is in a Non-Active State (see below) in which case a minimum of three committee members shall be required) from which it will elect a Chairman and other officers as required.
8. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any person whom it considers could make a beneficial contribution to the Association and may form appropriate sub-committees.
9. The Committee will meet as required-will be quorate if a majority of Committee members are present at such a Committee Meeting.
10. This Constitution may only be amended at a meeting of the Association, such meeting to be called by at least three weeks notice using the publicity methods in 3. above.

11. If the activities and / or active membership of the Association decline to such an extent that in the opinion of the Committee no current or foreseeable activity by the Association is needed, a meeting may, by majority vote, place the organisation in a "Non-Active State". The members must at the same meeting elect a minimum of three "Caretaker Officers" to be responsible for the safe keeping of records, accounts and funds. The Caretaker Officers shall constitute the Committee until such time as the Association is reactivated.
12. The "Non-Active State" will continue until either such time as the Committee consider that the Association should be re-activated, or there is a written request or petition from at least twenty members to the Committee for the Association to be reactivated. In either of those events, the Committee will call an open general meeting by not less than three weeks notice (using the publicity methods in 3. above) to discuss whether the Non Active State should continue, and determine any relevant future activity and if a majority at the meeting so decide, to re-activate the Association volunteers shall be invited to serve on the Committee. If more than four members present volunteer to serve on the Committee the Association shall immediately be reactivated, and elections for the Committee arranged, which may be done at the same meeting.
13. If, during a period of Non Active State the Committee are unwilling to continue serving the Committee shall call an open General Meeting for members to decide whether to appoint a replacement Committee, or for the Association shall to be wound up and to discharge its debts. In the event of a decision to wind up the Association, the members at that meeting shall decide how to apply any surplus proceeds