

FAIRLIGHT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Established 1947)

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

(Revised 2016)

1. The title of the Association shall be "Fairlight Residents Association". Full membership of the Association shall be restricted to residents and owners within the Parish of Fairlight. Anybody not fulfilling these requirements may become an associate member. Associate members will be entitled to receive any publication produced by the Association.

2. The aims and objectives of the Association shall be a) to monitor and safeguard the interests of all members; b) to aid in the just, efficient and economical management of Fairlight Parish; c) to render, whenever possible, assistance and advice and to provide information on matters affecting members by the most appropriate means.

3. That party politics and matters of a religious nature shall not be within the scope of the Association.

4. The minimum yearly subscription rate shall be decided annually by the Committee and shall be due in April of each year. Only paid up full members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Association.

5. The financial year of the Association shall commence on the first day of April each year and terminate on the following thirty first day of March. As soon as possible after the termination of each financial year, the books and accounts will be submitted for audit. The statement of accounts will be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

6. Association funds shall be used for the benefit of members, for the Association activities or for any other matters or causes that are considered by the Committee as being beneficial to the interests and welfare of its members provided that no sum proposing to be spent shall exceed 25% of the Association's cash assets without approval by a majority of members present at any meeting.

7. The business of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee of not more than twelve members, which shall include the officers of the Association, namely Chairman, Vice-Chair, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer.

8. Any members of the Committee who fail to attend three consecutive meetings without providing a reason acceptable to the Committee shall be deemed to have resigned.

9. The Committee is empowered to fill vacancies that may occur in the positions of officers of the Association and may co-opt additional members to the Committee to bring numbers up to that authorised. The Committee

shall, at its discretion, appoint sub-Committees from time to time as deemed expedient and shall have powers to co-opt other members to the Sub-Committee.

10. The Officers and members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association which shall be held in April or May of each year. All members shall be notified of the date of the AGM not less than twenty-one days prior. The Committee shall not exceed 12 members. Half of the members including two officers shall retire annually by rotation and shall be eligible for re-election. Nominations for the positions of officers or committee members must be received by the Hon Secretary in writing not less than fourteen days prior to the AGM. All nominations require a proposer and seconder and must have the nominees' consent.

11. Notices of items or resolutions for the consideration of members at the Annual General Meeting must be received by the Hon Secretary not later than fourteen days prior to the date of the AGM and all resolutions shall require a proposer and seconder.

12. The rules of the Association may not be amended or repealed or any new rules adopted, save by a majority vote of members attending a General or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association. Twenty-one days clear notice must be given to members of a proposal to add to, or amend the rules.

13. General or Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by the Committee of the Association, giving members not less than twenty-one days clear notice. In the case of an emergency however, at the discretion of the Chairman, shorter notice may be given. An Extraordinary General Meeting may also be called a) by the Chairman, or b) upon an order signed by not less than twenty-five members of the Association, stating the reason for the request.

14. At General or Extraordinary General Meetings of the Association, twenty-five members shall form a quorum. At meetings of the Committee, five members shall form a quorum.

15. In the event of the Fairlight Residents Association closing any funds remaining after liabilities have been discharged shall go to Fairlight Parish Council to be used for the benefit of Fairlight residents, or allocated to clubs and societies within the village, within 12 months of receipt.