**CONSTITUTION OF THE PARKGATE SOCIETY**

**Summary**

1. OBJECTIVES

The Society is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area comprising Parkgate and district, ‘the area of benefit’:-

1. To stimulate public interest in the area of benefit.
2. To promote high standards of planning and architecture in the area of benefit.
3. To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of buildings and features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.
4. To promote, encourage or financially support any activities or enterprise that tends to the benefit of Parkgate or its people.

2 POWERS

In furtherance of these objectives the following powers may be exercised through the Executive Committee:-

1. To promote research into subjects directly connected with the objects of the Society and to publish the results of any such research.
2. To act as a co-ordinating body and co-operate with the Local Authority, Planning Committees, Sanitary, Drainage and other local statutory Authorities, voluntary organisations, charities and persons having aims similar to those of the Society.
3. To engage in discussions with other such organisations or charities and to undertake appropriate joint activities.
4. To promote or assist in promoting activities of a charitable nature throughout the area of benefit.
5. To publish papers, reports and other literature.
6. To hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
7. To educate public opinion and to give advice and information.
8. To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons by way of subscription, donation and otherwise, provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary purposes.
9. To do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the said purposes.

3 MEMBERSHIP

(a) Membership shall be open to all who are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the Society.

(b) The Society may offer affiliation to other like-minded voluntary or charitable groups within the area of interest.

4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription for a family or a single person shall be such a reasonable sum as the Executive Committee shall determine from time to time.

1. MEETINGS

An Annual General meeting shall be held in or about October of each year to receive the Executive Committee’s report and audited accounts and to elect Officers and Members of the Committee.

6 OFFICERS

The Officers of the Society shall consist of:-

 Chairman

 Vice-Chairman

 Honorary Secretary

 Honorary Treasurer

 Honorary Membership Secretary

All of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. A President and Vice-President may also be elected at a General Meeting of the Society, for periods to be decided at such a meeting. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies occurring among the Officers of the Society.

1. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Society. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and not more than seven other members. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt further members (who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity). The President and Vice-Presidents may attend any meeting of the Executive Committee, but will not vote at any such meeting. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

1. SUB-COMMITTEES

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. Sub-Committees shall be subordinate to the Executive Committee and may be regulated or dissolved by the Executive Committee.

1. EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

The Executive Committee shall, out of the funds of the Society, pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society. The remaining funds of the Society shall be applied by the Executive Committee in furtherance of the purposes of the Society.

1. INVESTMENT

All monies at the 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 never the less to the authority, approval, or consent of the Charity Commissioners, or required by law or by the special trusts affecting any property in the hands of the Executive Committee.

1. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society, provided that 28 days’ notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members, and provided that nothing therein 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.

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