

Sherburn in Elmet Local History Society Constitution

1. The Society

- a. The Aims and Objectives of the Society are to promote an interest in and further the knowledge of the history of Sherburn in Elmet and its surrounding communities, county and region.
- b. To this end the Society will arrange a regular programme of presentations and visits to places of historical interest and conduct research into local history.

2. Membership

- a. Membership of the Society is to be open to all by application to the Secretary.
- b. Full membership shall be dependent upon payment of the annual membership fee which has to be paid within 2 months of the Annual General Meeting. A fee equivalent to half the annual fee will be accepted for anyone joining in or after the month of April.
- c. The Committee of the Society reserves the right to refuse or not renew membership by majority decision. In this event the individual concerned will be notified in writing and will have the right to attend a committee meeting to appeal against this decision.

3. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- a. The Society will hold an Annual Meeting in October each year giving at least 14 days notice of the meeting.
- b. The election of Officers & the Committee will take place at the AGM.
- c. The accounts of the society will be presented at the AGM.
- d. To enable the AGM to proceed a quorum of ten members (including Officers) are required to be present at the meeting.
- e. Only members are eligible to vote at the AGM.
- f. The Membership fee will be agreed at the AGM.

4. Officers and Committee Members

- a. The Society shall have four officers, i.e. Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, plus up to three Committee members.
- b. Only members will be eligible to serve as Officers or committee members.
- c. Other Officer roles may be created as and when required.
- d. There shall be no restriction on the number of terms any Officer or Committee member may serve subject to re-election at the AGM. The Chair and Vice Chair will normally serve no longer than 2 years.
- e. Any Officer may hold more than one post at any one time, subject to election at the AGM or at a Special General Meeting. The exception being the roles of Chair and Treasurer which must be held by different people.

5. Committee Meetings

- a. To be quorate a meeting of the Committee shall comprise of three Officers or Members plus either the Chair or Vice Chair.

- b. Meetings of the Committee shall be arranged by the Secretary and Chair with a minimum of four meeting per year.

6. Expenditure

All items of expenditure on behalf of the Society shall be strictly within the context of the Society's Aims and Objectives and shall be subject to prior approval of the Treasurer and the Chair.

7. Amendments to this Constitution

- a. The Constitution may only be amended after 14 days written notice has been given to the membership.
- b. A simple two-thirds majority vote will be required of those attending the AGM to implement the amendment.

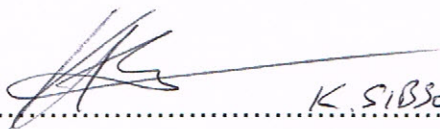
8. Termination of the Society

A proposal to terminate the Society will require a two-thirds majority of those attending a Special General meeting. In the event of this decision being adopted the meeting must agree how the decision is to be implemented and how any assets are to be disposed of.

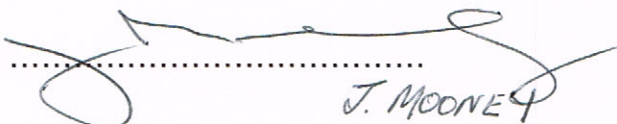
Agreed at Annual General Meeting held 17th October 2017

Signed

Chair


K. SIBSON

Secretary


J. MOONEY