

CONSTITUTION

I. NAME

The name of the Association will be "Cranley Road Area Residents' Association"- CRARA

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association to:

2.1 stimulate and promote interest in Regional and Local planning amongst residents of the area defined in the Appendix.

2.2 study the historical and current development within the area and adjacent areas, and identify development opportunities which might adversely affect the residential character and amenity of the area.

2.3 keep a watching brief on planning applications.

2.4 seek to influence planning and use policies, and to comment upon specific building and/or change of use applications as they arise. Ensuring that such developments comply with good planning principles and do not adversely affect the collective interests of residents.

2.5 provide a focal point of contact for members, planning authorities, elected members of County and Borough Council, commercial businesses, the police etc.

2.6 promote and maintain membership of the Association

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Resident full members

Householders resident in the area may take up full membership upon payment of an annual subscription. All Members shall be eligible to vote at any General meeting.

3.2 Associate Members

Businesses, clubs etc. within the area may take up Associate Membership upon payment of an annual subscription. Associate Members shall not have voting rights at any General Meetings.

3.3 Honorary Members

At the discretion of the Executive Committee, persons capable of supporting the objectives of the Association may be invited to become Honorary Members

3.4 Subscriptions

Subscriptions for Full and Associate Membership shall be determined by simple resolution based on Committee recommendation.

3.5 Only Full Members shall be eligible for office.

4. OFFICES

The offices of the Association shall be at such premises as shall be agreed by the Committee.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5.1 Officers & Ordinary Members

The direction of the Association shall be entrusted to an Executive Committee consisting of four Officers:

Chairman Vice Chairman Honorary Treasurer Honorary Secretary and as many Ordinary members as agreed by the Committee. The Officers shall be elected for one year and shall be eligible for re-election annually. Ordinary members shall be elected for three years. From the end of that period they shall be eligible for re-election annually.

5.2 Chairman

The Chairman or, in his or her absence, the Vice Chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Committee. In the absence of both, the members present shall choose one of their number to preside.

5.3 Co-opted Members

The Committee may co-opt persons (who need not be Members of the Association) as advisory members of the Committee. Such co-option may be terminated as and when the Committee or the co-opted member may decide. Co-opted members shall be eligible to vote at any meeting.

5.4 Filling casual vacancies

The Committee may invite Members of the Association to fill casual vacancies when they arise during the year. Persons who fill such vacancies may do so only until the next Annual General Meeting when they must be properly nominated and elected to continue as members of the Committee.

Their time on the Committee shall count from the date of that formal election. Those filling casual vacancies shall be eligible to vote at any meeting.

Any office not filled at any Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to have a casual vacancy.

5.5 Quorum

The quorum for Committee meetings shall be a total of four Committee Members which includes co-opted members.

5.6 Equal votes

In the event of an equal vote on any matter the Chairman, in addition to his or her deliberate vote, shall have a casting vote.

5.7 Sub Committees

The Committee may appoint Sub Committees of Members and non Members of the Association to carry out specific tasks relating to the needs of the Association. All proceedings and actions of such Sub Committees shall be reported to, and confirmed by, the Committee. The Chairman shall be a member, ex officio, of all Sub Committees and be entitled, where he or she considers it appropriate, to attend their meetings.

5.8 Notice of Meetings

Committee members shall be given not less than seven days' notice of any Committee meeting.

5.9 Resignations

Committee members wishing to resign shall, where possible, give at least one month's notice of their intention to do so.

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

6.1 Chairman

The Chairman of the Association or, in his or her absence, the Vice Chairman shall preside. If neither is present the persons present shall, before any business is transacted, appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

6.2 Equal votes

In the event of an equal vote on any matter the Chairman, in addition to his or her deliberate vote, shall have a cast-ing vote.

6.3 Quorum

The quorum shall be not fewer than four Members of the Executive Committee and not fewer than six other full Members of the Association.

6.4 Notice of Meetings

Members of the Association shall be given fourteen days' notice of any General Meeting.

6.5 Notice of items for discussion

Details of items for discussion must be received by the Honorary Secretary at least seven days before any meeting.

6.6 Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held within two calendar months of the financial year to:

receive the annual report and audited accounts

Elect the Officers and Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee

Appoint an auditor for the coming year

Deal with any other matters of which due notice has been given

6.7 Extraordinary General Meetings

An extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the direction of the Executive Committee or at the request in writing to the Honorary Secretary of any 20 Members of the Association:

The Meeting must be held within 30 days of such: direction or request.

7. ELECTIONS

7.1 When held

All elections, other than those conducted by the Executive Committee to co-opt persons onto the Committee and to fill casual vacancies, shall take place at the Annual General Meeting.

7.2 Notice for nominations

Nominations for election must be received by the Honorary Secretary no fewer than seven days before the Meeting showing the names of the proposer and the seconder and indicating the consent of the person being proposed:

7.3 Equal votes

When two or more persons are nominated to fill one vacancy and an equal vote arises then further votes shall be taken until a clear majority results

8. FINANCE

8.1 Accounts

The Executive Committee shall ensure that proper accounts are maintained of the assets and transactions of the Association and arrange that they are audited at least once a year by an Auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

8.2 Subscriptions due

Subscriptions shall be set each year by The Committee and are due at the start of the financial year on 1st May.

8.3 Bank and other Accounts

There shall be one or more accounts in the name of "Cranley Road Area Residents' Association" at a Bank or Banks or other financial institutions as the Committee shall decide.

8.4 Signing cheques

The Honorary Treasurer shall have the authority to sign cheques up to and including £100. Cheques in excess of £100 shall require two signatures being that of the Honorary Treasurer together with any one of the following:

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Honorary Secretary

8.5 Books available for examination

The Account Books shall be made available for examination on reasonable request by any Association Member.

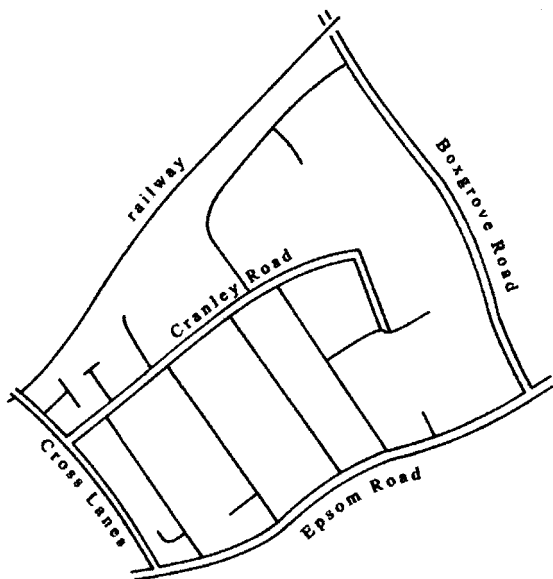
9. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

9.1 Alterations to the Constitution must receive the assent of not less than two thirds of the Members of the Association present and voting at a General Meeting

9.2 Notice of the proposed alterations must be received by the Honorary Secretary not less than twenty-eight days before the Meeting.

10. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association may be dissolved at any time by a Resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose. If the Resolution is passed, the property and assets of the Association shall be applied to such charitable organisations as agreed at the General Meeting.



The Association's area is bordered by Cross Lanes, Epsom Road, Boxgrove Road and the railway.

It includes:

Cross Lanes, Cranley Road, Maori Road, Hilgay Close, Watford Close, Aldersey Road, Hillier Road, Pit Farm Road, Guildcroft, Cranley Close, Springhaven Close, Fielders Green and Tormead Road.