

# **Culcheth & Glazebury Residents Association Constitution**

## **1. Name**

The Association is called the **Culcheth & Glazebury Residents Association**.

## **2. Aims**

The Association aims to:

- Represent residents' views to local authorities.
- Promote inclusivity, transparency, and community wellbeing.
- Improve local amenities and public spaces.
- Foster effective communication and participation.
- Support initiatives for village enhancement and community connection.
- Encourage collaboration, mutual aid, and representation of community voices.

## **3. Powers**

To achieve its aims, the Association may:

- Set membership categories and fees.
- Raise funds via events, donations, and grants.
- Maintain bank accounts.
- Partner with similar groups and local businesses.
- Form sub-groups for specific projects (e.g., tidiness, support, youth).
- Develop communication channels (newsletters, noticeboards, online).
- Take any lawful action to fulfil its objectives.

## **4. Membership**

- Open to all residents in the defined area; one vote per household.
- No discrimination per the Equality Act 2010.
- Sub-groups may address specific needs.
- The Committee may remove members after a fair process.

## **5. Committee**

- Minimum seven, maximum fifteen members, elected annually at the AGM.
- Roles: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Community Liaison (additional roles as needed).
- Responsible for activities, records, and accounts.

- Meets at least six times a year; quorum is three.
- Chair has casting vote in ties.
- May invite advisors and remove members for good reason, ensuring a fair hearing.

## **6. Meetings**

- General meetings held at least 6 times per year.
- AGM held annually with 14 days' notice; includes reports, elections, and other business.
- AGM quorum: two-thirds of members or 15, whichever is greater.
- Additional meetings may be called with 14 days' notice (7 for emergencies).
- Constitutional changes require a two-thirds majority at AGM or General Meeting.

## **7. Finance**

- Bank account in the Association's name; two signatories required.
- Annual accounts presented at AGM and may be externally verified.
- Funds used solely for Association objectives.
- Cheques signed by Treasurer and another Committee member.
- Reasonable expenses reimbursed per policy.

## **8. Amendments**

- Constitution may be amended at AGM with a two-thirds majority.

## **9. Dissolution**

- The Association may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority or 15 members, whichever is greater.
- After debts, remaining funds go to a similar group as decided by the Committee.