



The St James Village Orchard Project

CONSTITUTION

NAME

1 The name of the project shall be The St James Village Orchard Project (“the project”, or “the orchard” as appropriate to the context).

OBJECTIVE

2 The objective of the project shall be: to establish and maintain on the Greshaw Green Inclosure (“the enclosure”) a viable, sustainable orchard that will provide the residents of St. James South Elmham (“St. James”) and the wider community with a varied selection of fruit and a valuable additional local amenity.

MANAGEMENT

3 The project shall be managed by a Management Committee (“the committee”) of no less than four and not more than eight people, residents of St. James.

4 The committee shall appoint a chairman, secretary and treasurer and any other officers it shall deem necessary to carry out its activities. The committee may co-opt up to two further members (who may or may not be residents of St. James) if it deems this necessary or helpful in carrying out its activities.

5 It was agreed by the committee on that, for the time being, the chair should be held on a rotating basis as determined by the committee at each meeting.

MEETINGS

5 The committee shall meet at a frequency it shall determine but not less than quarterly.

6 The committee shall provide representation at the St James Parish Meetings, held every six months, and publically report on progress with the orchard and plans for its continued development.

ACTIVITIES

7 In furtherance of the objective but not otherwise the committee shall carry out, commission or contract with others activities from but not limited to the following:

7.1 rent the enclosure from the enclosure Trustees on a long-term basis

7.2 use the enclosure to establish an orchard together with any other planting or installations it deems necessary or advisable

7.3 manage the orchard, land and facilities for the benefit of the residents of St. James and the wider community as a source of produce and a community amenity

7.4 invite and receive contributions and raise grants and donations where appropriate to finance the project and ensure the orchards continuing viability

7.5 progressively adopt and implement organic principles in the construction, care and maintenance and use of the orchard, and promote environmental improvement and conservation by all orchard suppliers, contractors and users

7.6 make provision for the collection and/or distribution of orchard produce throughout St. James

7.7 when applicable make such arrangements as are feasible for the sale of excess produce, the proceeds to be used for the funding of the objective. Any surplus funds from produce sale shall, at the discretion of the committee, be passed to the enclosure Trustees for the furtherance of their charitable work

7.8 promote the work of the project and the facilities of the orchard within St. James, the wider local community, and with regional and national organisations as appropriate

7.9 develop and enhance the facilities of the orchard and its use for additional activities consistent with the project objective.

FINANCE

8 Any funds acquired by the project shall be paid into a bank account operated by the committee in the name of the project. All funds shall be applied solely for the furtherance of the project objective. Oversight of the funds shall be the responsibility of the treasurer who will inform the committee at each meeting of the status of the project's finances.

9 Any cheques or documents relating to the bank account shall be signed by at least two members of the committee.

10 The project financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March.

ALTERATIONS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

11 Any changes to this constitution shall require a majority vote of those present at a meeting of the committee. Any such proposed change shall be conveyed in writing (not electronically) to the secretary who will convene the necessary meeting giving at least seven days notice.

PROJECT TERMINATION AND DISSOLUTION

12 The project may be terminated and the committee dissolved if deemed necessary by the committee members in a majority vote at a special meeting convened as for a constitutional change in 11, above. Any assets or remaining funds after all debts and liabilities have been paid shall be returned to their providers or transferred to the enclosure Trustees at the committee's discretion.

Signed: Chairperson

Signed: Secretary

Signed: Treasurer

Signed: Member

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