

THE HOLT SOCIETY

Constitution

1 Name

The name of the Society shall be The Holt Society.

2 Objects

The objects of the Society shall be to promote and encourage the following objects by charitable means but not otherwise:

- a] To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in Holt.
- b] To stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the area of the town and its surroundings.
- c] To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.
- d] To pursue these ends by means of meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications, other forms of instruction and publicity, and promotion of schemes of a charitable nature.

3 Membership

Membership shall be open to all those who are interested in the aims of the Society. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid three months after it is due.

4 Subscriptions

The subscriptions shall be due at or before the Annual General Meeting.

5 Meetings

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about April each year to receive the Chairman's Report and audited accounts and to elect Officers and Members of the Committee. Special General Meetings of the Society shall be held at the request of ten or more members.

Ten members personally present shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Society

6 Officers

The Officers of the Society shall consist of:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer
- Membership Officer
- Planning Officer

All Officers shall relinquish their office every year and be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman may hold this office for a maximum of five consecutive years.

Nominations for the election of Officers must be received in writing by the Secretary at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting, supported by a Seconder and accompanied by written confirmation that the candidate will stand. If more than one candidate is proposed for an office, a ballot shall take place.

7 Committee

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for running the affairs of the Society and may take decisions on its behalf.

The Executive Committee shall consist of all the Officers and not more than three additional Committee Members. These additional Committee Members shall serve for a maximum of three years without re-election and must stand down for at least one year before re-election.

A quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall consist of five, one of whom is the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

Nominations for the election of Committee Members must be received in writing by the Secretary at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting, supported by a Secunder and accompanied by written confirmation that the candidate will stand. The number of Committee Members elected at an Annual General Meeting shall be that number required to bring the total number to three. If more than this number of candidates is proposed, a ballot shall take place.

If a Committee Member resigns during the year, or if insufficient Committee Members are elected at the AGM, Committee Members may be co-opted by the Committee. Anyone co-opted in this way must seek election at the next AGM (for a further period of three years, or two if they are co-opted at the next Committee meeting after an AGM).

8 Appeals

The Executive Committee shall have the power to make appeals, solicit donations and canvass monies for carrying out the objects of the Society.

9 Expenses of administration

The Executive Committee shall out of the monies received by the Society pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society and shall use the residue of such monies as it thinks fit for or towards the objects of the Society.

10 Investment

All monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for the immediate application for its objects, shall be invested by the Executive Committee.

11 Amendments

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that ten days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent too all members and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorize any amendment permitting the expenditure of funds of the Society on any object which is not a charitable object.

12 Winding up

In the event of the winding up of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charities having objects similar or reasonably similar to those herein before declared as may be chosen by the Executive Committee.

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