

CONSTITUTION OF ALVESTON VILLAGERS' ASSOCIATION

1. The group to which this Constitution relates is called the Alveston Villagers' Association.
2. The aims ("Aims") of the Alveston Villagers' Association are: -
 - a. To maintain and improve our local environment and rural nature of the Village of Alveston, and to represent the interest of residents in these and other matters, by use of, for example the Village Design Statement and any other methods deemed appropriate to the committee ("Committee");
 - b. To foster a sense of community; and
 - c. To preserve and develop the amenities of the Village of Alveston.
3. The Alveston Villagers' Association will hold a General Meeting once a year to deal with relevant business and the election of the Committee.
4. The quorum for all meetings of the Alveston Villagers' Association (not including meetings of the Committee) will be 20 members.
5. The Officers of the Committee will be elected at the first Committee meeting after the Annual General Meeting and serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
6. The Committee of the Alveston Villagers' Association will have a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 14 members (including the Officers of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) at any one time. No meeting of the Committee shall proceed without a quorum of 5 Committee members.
7. The Committee will meet at least 4 times per year, but more frequently if required.
8. All Adults over 18 years of age who are listed on the current electoral roll as permanently resident in Village of Alveston and its immediate surrounds as defined within a map that is held with current AVA documentation by the Committee will be eligible to be a member of the Alveston Villagers' Association. Acceptance of these rules is a condition of membership.
9. All Adults over 18 years of age who are listed on the current electoral roll as permanently resident in Village of Alveston and its immediate surrounds as defined within the aforesaid map for a continuous period of 12 months will be eligible to be a member of the Committee of the Alveston Villagers' Association.
10. The Committee may apply the income and, at their discretion all or part of the capital of the Alveston Villagers' Association in furthering the Aims.
11. In addition to any other powers it may have, the Committee may exercise any of the following powers in order to further the aims of the Association (but not for any other purpose):
 - a. Power to raise funds and to borrow money as and when necessary. In exercising this power the Committee must not undertake any taxable permanent trading activity and must comply with any relevant statutory regulations;
 - b. Power to open bank accounts in the name of the Alveston Villagers' Association;
 - c. Power to advise relevant authorities of its existence so that it can consult and be consulted on any matter likely to affect the Village of Alveston, and will seek to liaise with other similar local or national organisations;
 - d. Power to enter into contracts to obtain goods or services from other bodies;
 - e. Power to co-opt any person whom it deems could make a beneficial contribution to the Committee (up to a maximum of 14 members) and may form sub-committees;
 - f. Power to do anything else within the law which promotes or helps promote the Aims.
12. The Constitution may only be amended at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting of the Alveston Villagers' Association, and in either case, amendments require a 75% majority of those present and eligible to vote.
13. The Treasurer will be required to produce an annual Financial Report at each Annual General Meeting. The financial year will run from February 1st to January 31st. The Annual General Meeting will normally be held in April.
14. The Financial Report will be reviewed by a suitably independent and qualified person, appointed each year at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee has the power to appoint someone to this position to fill a vacancy that arises prior to the next Annual Meeting.
15. The Committee may call a Special General Meeting if required, giving 7 days notice to members.

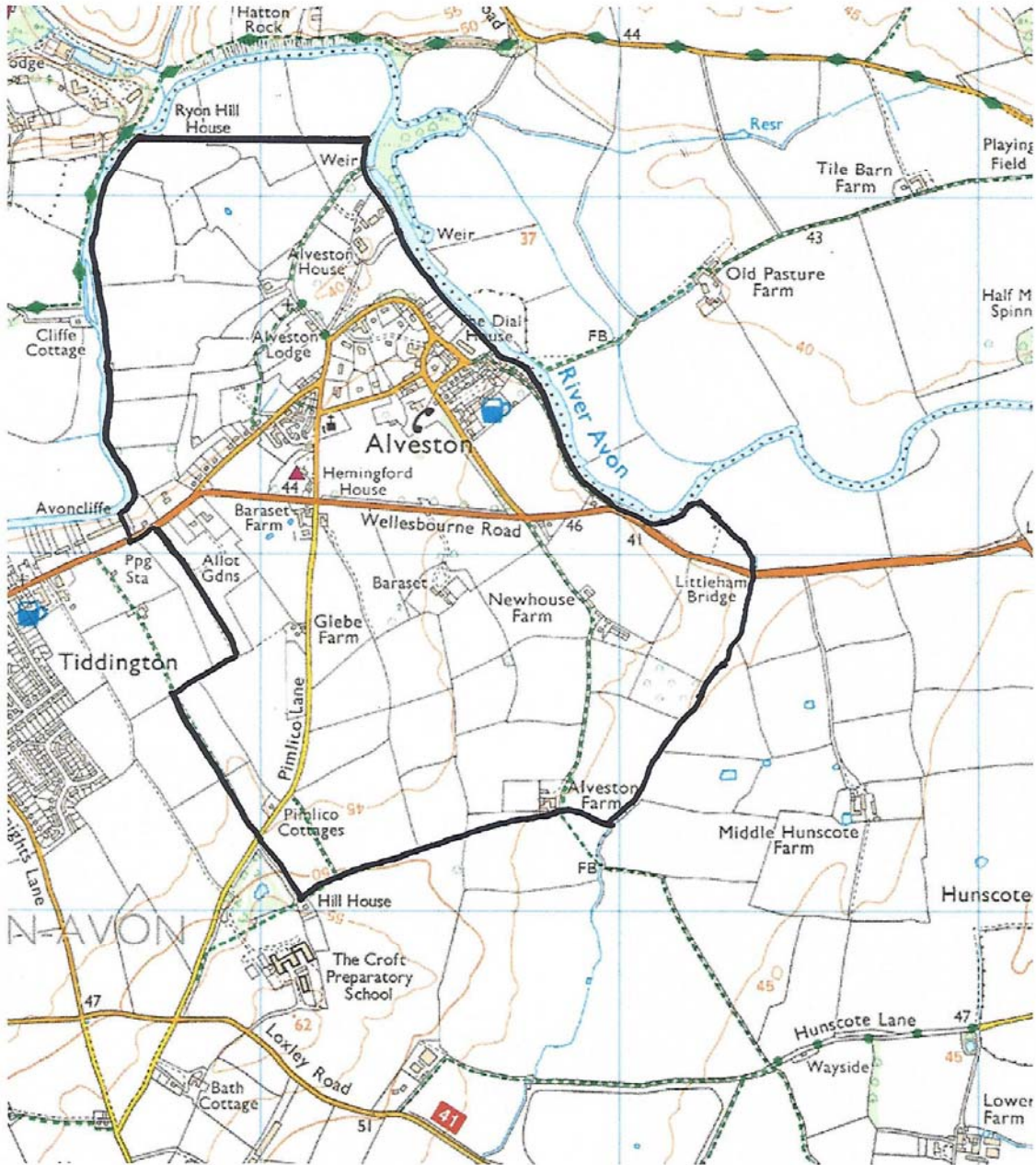
16. A Special General Meeting may be called upon a requisition stating the nature of the business to be discussed, and signed by a minimum of 20 members (as defined in 8 above) of the Alveston Villagers' Association, being given to the Secretary who will call a meeting within 28 days of that requisition being received.
17. Any conflict of interest must be declared at a meeting of the Alveston Villagers' Association and at any Committee meeting. A member who declares a conflict of interest should then withdraw from the discussion (unless the Chair deems it appropriate for the individual to speak) and should not vote on the issue in question.
18. Nominations for Committee members must be received by the Secretary 2 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.
19. Voting for Officers and the Committee will be by ballot; voting on all other resolutions will be by show of hands unless deemed otherwise by the Chair.
20. The Chair will have a second and casting vote if required.
21. The Committee shall have power to deal with any business otherwise not provided for within these rules provided that it relates to the Village of Alveston.
22. The Alveston Villagers' Association will be strictly non-party and non-sectarian but will maintain close links with elected representatives and relevant authorities for the purpose of carrying out its business.

ALVESTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1946

Charity No: 223913

Only inhabitants within the Area of Benefit shown on this map can be members of both Associations



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(Founded 2003)