

## Whiteleaf and Cadsden Residents' Association - Constitution

### **1. PURPOSE:**

To establish and agree the revised Constitution of Whiteleaf and Cadsden Residents' Association (WCRA).

### **2. PREAMBLE:**

At a Committee meeting held on on 17.02.2016. there was a discussion about the aims of the Association and the role and responsibilities of the Committee. In light of the changed resident profile of recent years, concerns were raised as to whether WCRA, its' objectives and the committee adequately met the needs of the changed community.

It was subsequently agreed that a revised "Constitution" should be presented to the next AGM for ratification and/or amendment.

### **3. HISTORY AND ETHOS:**

WCRA was set up long ago. WCRA evolved following a merger with Cadsden conservation society in 2002. WCRA is a community based informaton/help organisation.

### **4. PROPOSED REVISED OBJECTIVES:**

WCRA current objectives are A-C below; to which it is proposed to add items D – E:-

- A. Maintain the character of the villages of Whiteleaf and Cadsden.
- B. Provide a friendly medium for discussion and solution of issues affecting the commuity.
- C. Act as a convenient link with local bodies.
  
- D. To provide community help and assistance, as necessary, to those in need.
- E. To promote interaction and cohesion (via organisation and/or support) of community social events, for the benefit of improved community relations.

### **5. COMMITTEE:**

This currently comprises a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and 4 additional members. Members serve for a 3 years term. Following which, they offer themselves for re-election or stand down.

The WCRA Committee is keen to reflect the altering profile of all residents and continues to canvas for new volunteers to join. The Committee and WCRA should continue to evolve further to better reflect the changing community and environment.

### **6. MEETINGS:**

The Committee meets on an ad hoc basis. An Annual General Meeting is held, in March of each year, to receive reports from the Chairman and Treasurer and to elect Committee members. The Committee may call an Extraordinary Meeting at 14 days notice, in order to deal with any urgent matter connected with matters affecting the community of Whiteleaf and Cadsden. The quorum is 50% (excluding the Chair) for all matters. The Committee is mandated to implement such further rules if they are, in the opinion of the Committee, in the interests of the community.

### **7. MEMBERSHIP / SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

Membership of WCRA is open to all residents of Whiteleaf and Cadsden. Lifetime membership of the Association is currently £5 per household.

Approved at WCRA AGM on 22.03.2017.