

Rules of the Association

1. Name

Following a motion approved at the Annual General Meeting on 19th May, 2002 to permit any resident to become a full member, the name of the Association shall be the Residents Association of Port Solent.

2. Objects

The objects of the association shall be:

2.1 to promote the interests of householders (as herein defined) of the area known as Port Solent, North Harbour, Portsmouth, Hampshire and to take joint action for the benefit of members;

2.2 to co-operate with any committee set up by the government, local authorities and any other bodies to further the interests of members;

2.3 the social intercourse of members.

3. Members

The association shall consist of residents within the area known as Port Solent, North Harbour, Portsmouth, Hampshire. Such members shall be known as Full Members.¹ Members shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings.

4. Entrance

Every member shall pay an annual subscription of £10.00 (Ten pounds) or such other sum as may be determined by a general meeting. Subscriptions shall be payable in advance.

5. Arrears

Any member who is one month in arrears with his subscription shall be held to have ceased to be a member unless there are special extenuating circumstances.

6. Officers

The officers shall be a chairman, treasurer, secretary and auditors who shall (with the exception of the auditors) be ex officio members of the committee.

¹ Definition of 'Member' and Voting Rights. For the avoidance of any misunderstanding and with particular regard to the process of voting at General Meetings full membership of RAPS is defined as a single household and has no equivalence to the number of persons who live therein. Amendment approved at the Special General Meeting 29th April 2022.

7. Committee

The affairs of the association shall be conducted by a committee of management of not less than 7 members. The committee and other officers shall retire at the annual meeting but shall be eligible for re-election to the committee.

Officers shall not serve in the same office for more than 3 consecutive years unless there is no other person proposed for that office.

Unless otherwise determined, a quorum at committee meetings shall be not less than 4 members. Casual vacancies shall be filled by the committee and the members so appointed shall hold office until the next annual meeting following.

8. General Meetings

The annual general meeting at which the audited accounts and secretary's report shall be submitted and the officers for the ensuing year elected and other general meetings shall be held at such times as the committee or a general meeting shall determine. Ten members shall form a quorum and in case of equal voting, the chairman shall have a casting vote. Special general meetings shall be called on the requisition in writing of at least ten members.

9. Discussions at meeting

No party-political or sectarian discussions shall be raised or resolutions proposed either at any committee or general meeting of the association.

10. Funds

The committee shall open a bank account in the name of the association with such bank as the committee may select and all money received from any source by the secretary or treasurer on behalf of the association shall be paid into such account. Cheques shall be signed by any 2 members of the committee. To cover small cash payments, petty cash cheques not exceeding £50 (fifty pounds) or such other sum as the committee shall from time to time determine shall be drawn.

11. Audit

There shall be appointed 2 auditors who are not members of the committee to audit the accounts within three months of the annual general meeting.

12. Offences

The committee may terminate the membership of a member whose conduct is proved to its satisfaction to be detrimental to the interest of his fellow members. Any charge against a member must be communicated in writing. An appeal from a decision of the committee may be made to a special general meeting on the requisition in writing of ten members.

13. Conversion, dissolution etc.

The association may be converted into a registered society or may be dissolved or these rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority at a special general meeting of which 14 days notice shall be given. The objects for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice convening the meeting.

14. Matters not provided for

Any matters not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by the committee in its discretion.