

Slad Society Constitution - 2023 onwards

1. Name

The name of the group shall be the Slad Society

2. Background

The Slad Society is a non-profit making voluntary organisation that is non-denominational and welcomes all regardless of ethnic background, religion or gender orientation. It does not represent Slad Village or the Parish in any way.

3. Aims

The aims of Slad Society will be:

To promote social interaction within the Slad Valley for residents and their guests.

To promote local recreational activities and Slad village social events.

To support local charities and good causes through fundraising.

4. Officers and committee

The business of the group will be carried out by a committee elected at an Annual General Meeting. The Committee will meet as necessary and not less than four times a year.

The Committee will consist of a minimum of 3 members who will undertake set duties in support of the Society, with further committee members joining as volunteers become available.

Duties in support of the Society:

Chairperson, who shall chair both general and committee meetings.

Secretary, who shall be responsible for the taking of minutes and the distribution of all papers.

Treasurer who shall be responsible for maintaining accounts.

In the event of an officer standing down during the year a replacement will be elected by the next General Meeting of members.

5. Meetings

Annual General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held within fifteen months of the previous AGM. Slad Valley residents will be notified via the Society email at least 3 weeks before the date of the meeting, giving the venue, date and time.

Nominations for the committee may be made to the Secretary before the meeting, or at the meeting. Additional, committee members may be co-opted by a majority of the committee between AGMs and confirmed at the next AGM.

The quorum for the AGM will be 15 residents including the Committee. Should a quorum not be reached then, where appropriate, email responses to the meeting calling notice will be taken into account for decision making.

At the AGM:

- The Chairman will present a report of the work of the Society over the year.
- The Treasurer will present the accounts of the Society for the previous year.
- The Officers and Committee for the next year will be elected by the members present.
- Any agenda items given to the Secretary at least 7 days in advance of the meeting will be discussed.

Special General Meetings

The Secretary will call a Special General Meeting at the request of the majority of the committee or at least eight residents giving a written request to the Chair or Secretary stating the reason for their request, (providing that the reason given is aligned to the core aims of the society as set out in Section 3).The meeting will take place within twenty-one days of the request.

All residents will be given two weeks' notice of such a meeting, giving the venue, date, time and agenda, via the Society email.

The quorum for a Special General Meeting will be 10 residents and the committee.

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings may be called by the Chair or Secretary. Committee members must receive notice of meetings at least 7 days before the meeting.

The quorum for Committee meetings is three Committee members.

Rules of Procedure for meetings

All questions that arise at any meeting will be discussed openly and the meeting will seek to find consensus amongst those attending.

If a consensus cannot be reached a vote will be taken and a decision will be made by a simple majority of members present. If the number of votes cast on each side is equal, the chair of the meeting shall have an additional casting vote.

6. Finances

An internet business account will be maintained on behalf of the Society at Lloyds Bank by the Treasurer. The Chairman and the Treasurer will have full visibility of the account. The Treasurer will receive all payments into the account and authorise all payments out in consultation with Chairman and other Committee members as required.

The Treasurer will notify all committee members of all account transactions by means of the Society's dedicated WhatsApp account.

All payments out must be agreed in writing by means of the Society's dedicated WhatsApp account as a minimum by the Treasurer, Chairman and one other committee member.

Records of income and expenditure will be maintained by the Treasurer and a financial statement given at each meeting.

All money raised by or on behalf of the Slad Society is only to be used to further the aims of the group, as specified in item 2 of this constitution.

Fundraising on behalf of local charities must be agreed by the Committee in advance of a fundraising event. Where multiple charities are involved, the proportion of money raised allocated to each charity must be agreed in advance by the Committee. Notice of charities supported and the monies donated must be posted on at least 1 of the following: the Society's website, Village Facebook or email. All funds raised for charities must pass through the Society's internet business account.

7. Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the constitution may only be made at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

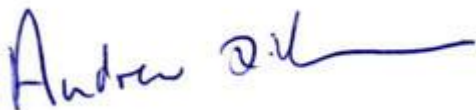
Any proposal to amend the constitution must be given to the Secretary in writing. The proposal must then be circulated with the notice of meeting.

Any proposal to amend the constitution will require a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

8. Ratification

This constitution was discussed and agreed at an Annual General Meeting of the Slad Society which took place on the 3rd April 2003.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Dickinson" followed by a stylized flourish.

Andy Dickinson – Chair