



Constitution

NAME: The name of the Organisation shall be: **Friends of Par Beach**

OBJECTS: The objects of **Friends of Par Beach** shall be:

- To promote the conservation and sensitive use of Par Beach
- To advise and assist in the management of Par Beach and Par Beach Local Nature Reserve
- To promote knowledge of all aspects of Par Beach, particularly the history, natural history and ecology.
- To support and encourage all stakeholders, user groups and organisations with an interest in Par Beach.
- To increase and encourage the use of Par Beach by all, especially young people, the elderly and disabled
- To promote social and cultural activities of the area by making use of Par Beach and its facilities

MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to ALL

SUBSCRIPTION: Membership shall be by annual subscription and categories shall be:-

Adult Concession Family Corporate

Annual subscriptions shall be set at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions will be renewable yearly on the anniversary of the date of joining.

The Committee shall have the right to waive subscription charges.

COMMITTEE: **Friends of Par Beach** shall be overseen by a Committee of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 9 members, elected at the Annual General Meeting.

- The Officers of the Committee, elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall consist of the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- The Committee will meet a minimum of 3 times a year.
- There will be an Annual General Meeting, open to all, which shall be held during the month of September each year.
- The Committee shall have the power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting, which will be open to all, at any time.

- The Secretary shall issue a notice to members at least 2 weeks prior to a General Meeting.
- The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to 2 additional members, as well as replacing members who have resigned.
- The Committee shall have the power to make day-to-day and policy decisions in relation to the activities of **Friends of Par Beach**.
- In the event of a tied vote the Chair shall have an additional casting vote.
- The quorum of the Committee shall be 4.

FINANCE:

All monies raised by or on behalf of the **Friends of Par Beach** shall be applied to further the objects as stated above and for no other purpose.

- The Treasurer shall keep proper account of the finances of the **Friends of Par Beach** and shall open an account, or accounts, in the name of the **Friends of Par Beach**.
- All cheques shall be jointly signed by the Treasurer and one other Officer.
- The Treasurer shall reimburse expenses incurred on behalf of **Friends of Par Beach**, subject to the relevant receipts being presented.
- The financial year will be 1st September to 31st August
- Yearly accounts will be prepared by the Treasurer for presentation to the Annual General Meeting
- An auditor, who may be voluntary, shall be appointed at the AGM to audit the following year's accounts

***Alterations
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Any alteration to this Constitution shall require the approval of a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting at which it is discussed.

Any resolution for the alteration of the constitution must be received by the Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least seven days notice in writing shall be given to all the members that the meeting is taking place.

Dissolution:

If the Committee, by a simple majority, decide at any time that on grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the **Friends of Par Beach**, it shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting of all the members, giving them at least twenty-one days' notice and stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed at the meeting. If such a decision shall be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at the meeting, the Committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be applied towards charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area as the Committee may decide.