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**1.** Heads - up our AGM is on Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December at 7:30pm. We will be sending out a Zoom invite on the day. Here is our Agenda. Our Constitution is attached. The Minutes from last year are attached too.

1. Welcome and Introduction.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM.

3. Co Chair's Report.

4. Treasurer's Report.

5. Neighbourhood Plan.

6. Proposed changes to Constitution.

7. Election of Chair and Steering Committee 2021 - 2022.

**2.** Update on our Judicial Review

Our Barrister submitted 2 arguments (Grounds) against the Planning Permission for the 205 new homes. The first High Court Judge agreed with these Grounds and that was followed by the Secretary of State's legal representative taking the same view. However, a second High Court Judge disagreed with these first two legal points of view and did not give us Permission to proceed with the Judicial Review.

We are allowed to challenge this Decision by seeking an Oral Permission Hearing. Our Legal Team (a Solicitor and a Barrister) consider our chances of success are good-because the 'Author of the Legislation' (Secretary of State) agrees with us.

So, we are going forward with this next stage. This hearing could be anywhere from mid January.

**3.** Christmas Window Competition and Fundraiser

We need more entries, please. The entry forms are in the Village Shop. The deadline for your window to be ready is December 15<sup>th</sup>. We are now including businesses as we had enquiries from them – the more the merrier.

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*Village Concerns email list.*

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## **Village Concerns - Constitution**

### **Aim**

1. Village Concerns is an East Hoathly and Halland Parish Action Group. It seeks to protect the character and ambience of the Parish. It will endeavour to ensure that development in the Parish is sustainable. Its Aim is to monitor housing proposals and galvanise the community to either endorse beneficial developments or challenge those that are unsustainable.

### **Organisation**

2. Village Concerns is coordinated by a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is made up of volunteers from within the Parish. The Steering Committee is not fixed and the Steering Committee may coopt additional people. People wishing to join the Steering Committee should inform the Chair. The names of the Chair and Steering Committee are published on the Village Concerns Website (<http://villageconcerns2016.co.uk>).

3. The Steering Committee will elect a Meeting Secretary and a Treasurer. All elections and decisions will be made by simple majority vote of those present with a quorum of Chair and 4 of the Steering Committee. In the event of tied vote the Chair shall have an additional casting vote.

4. Steering Committee Meetings are arranged by the Chair and notified to Steering Committee members via email. An Action List will be produced following every meeting that records the general content of the meeting and lists actions to be followed up and by whom.

5. The purpose of the Steering Committee is to gather information relating to the planning process and current planning applications. The Steering Committee may be given specific areas of the campaign on which to focus. The Steering Committee will then endeavour to inform the public and galvanise opposition to the plans when necessary.

6. People living in the Parish and other interested parties are invited to join the Village Concerns mail, phone or email lists. They will then be contacted with updates on the campaign ([villageconcerns2016@gmail.com](mailto:villageconcerns2016@gmail.com)).

7. Village Concerns will establish and maintain contact with other groups, individuals and elected representatives who may be able to assist in the campaign.

### **Finances**

8. Village Concerns is to operate a bank account. Village Concerns may fundraise to pay for the running costs of the group. This may involve seeking legal advice, planning consultants and the cost of such things as printing/postage.

9. Two Signatories will be required for all cheque payments. Expenditure must be approved by the Steering Committee. An annual statement of Accounts will be presented to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### **Dissolution**

10. In the event that Village Concerns concludes its campaign the Chair will propose a vote to dissolve the group at the AGM. Any remaining funds will be donated to the Parish Council with a request that the funds are used for the benefit of the whole Parish.

### **Annual General Meeting**

11. Village Concerns will hold an AGM every September. The AGM date and venue will be notified to supporters via email and published on the website. Those people named on the mailing and phone lists will be eligible to attend and vote. The AGM will consider any changes to the Constitution and the election of a Chair for the subsequent year.

Note: The Steering Group elected the inaugural Chair and also drafted this Constitution.  
Amended: Committee Meeting dated 22 Oct 2020.



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