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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF A PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY

Company No. 8604585

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that

MIDSOMER NORTON COMMUNITY TRUST

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company, that the company is limited by guarantee, and the situation of its registered office is in England and Wales

Given at Companies House, Cardiff, on 10th July 2013



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Application to register a company

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*Company Name
in full:*

MIDSOMER NORTON COMMUNITY TRUST

I confirm that the above proposed company meets the conditions for exemption from the requirements to have a name ending with 'Limited' or permitted alternative

Company Type:

Private limited by guarantee

*Situation of Registered
Office:*

England and Wales

*Proposed Register
Office Address:*

**MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL TOWN HALL
THE ISLAND
MIDSOMER NORTON
BATH
UNITED KINGDOM
BA3 2HQ**

I wish to adopt entirely bespoke articles

Company Director ***I***

Type: **Person**

Full forename(s): **MR MICHAEL**

Surname: **EVANS**

Former names:

Service Address: **MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL TOWN HALL
THE ISLAND
MIDSOMER NORTON
BATH
UNITED KINGDOM
BA3 2HQ**

Country/State Usually Resident: **UNITED KINGDOM**

Date of Birth: **16/10/1945** *Nationality:* **BRITISH**

Occupation: **NONE**

Consented to Act: **Y** *Date authorised:* **10/07/2013** *Authenticated:* **YES**

Company Director 2

Type: **Person**
Full forename(s): **MR PAUL ANTONY**

Surname: **MYERS**

Former names:

Service Address: **MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL TOWN HALL
THE ISLAND
MIDSOMER NORTON
BATH
UNITED KINGDOM
BA3 2HQ**

Country/State Usually Resident: **UNITED KINGDOM**

Date of Birth: **15/03/1965** *Nationality:* **BRITISH**

Occupation: **NONE**

Consented to Act: **Y** *Date authorised:* **10/07/2013** *Authenticated:* **YES**

Company Director **3**

Type: **Person**

Full forename(s): **MR STEPHEN LAWRENCE**

Surname: **PLUMLEY**

Former names:

Service Address: **MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL TOWN HALL
THE ISLAND
MIDSOMER NORTON
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UNITED KINGDOM
BA3 2HQ**

Country/State Usually Resident: **UNITED KINGDOM**

Date of Birth: **14/06/1949**

Nationality: **BRITISH**

Occupation: **NONE**

Consented to Act: **Y**

Date authorised: **10/07/2013**

Authenticated: **YES**

Company Director 4

Type: **Person**
Full forename(s): **MRS LYNDA EILEEN**

Surname: **ROBERTSON**

Former names:

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UNITED KINGDOM
BA3 2HQ**

Country/State Usually Resident: **UNITED KINGDOM**

Date of Birth: **19/11/1948** *Nationality:* **BRITISH**

Occupation: **NONE**

Consented to Act: **Y** *Date authorised:* **10/07/2013** *Authenticated:* **YES**

Statement of Guarantee

I confirm that if the company is wound up while I am a member , or within one year after I cease to be a member, I will contribute to the assets of the company by such amount as may be required for :

- payment of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before I cease to be a member;*
- payments of costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and;*
- adjustment of the rights of the contributors among ourselves, not exceeding the specified amount below.*

Name: MICHAEL EVANS

Address: MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL TOWN *Amount Guaranteed:* GBP1
 HALL
 THE ISLAND
 MIDSOMER NORTON
 BATH
 UNITED KINGDOM

Name: PAUL ANTONY MYERS

Address: MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL TOWN *Amount Guaranteed:* GBP1
 HALL
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 BATH
 UNITED KINGDOM

Name: STEPHEN LAWRENCE PLUMLEY

Address: MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL TOWN *Amount Guaranteed:* GBP1
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 THE ISLAND
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 BATH
 UNITED KINGDOM

Name: LYNDIA EILEEN ROBERTSON

Address: MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL TOWN *Amount Guaranteed:* GBP1
 HALL
 THE ISLAND
 MIDSOMER NORTON
 BATH
 UNITED KINGDOM

Statement of Compliance

I confirm the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with.

Authorisation

Authoriser Designation: **subscriber**

Authenticated: **Yes**

COMPANY NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

Memorandum of Association of

Midsomer Norton Community Trust

Each subscriber to this Memorandum of Association wishes to form a company under the Companies Act 2006 and agrees to become a member of the company.

Name of each subscriber	Authentication by each subscriber
Mr Michael Evans	Mr Michael Evans
Mr Paul Antony Myers	Mr Paul Antony Myers
Mr Stephen Lawrence Plumley	Mr Stephen Lawrence Plumley
Mrs Lynda Eileen Robertson	Mrs Lynda Eileen Robertson

Dated 10/7/2013

Midsomer Norton Community Trust

Articles of Association

Company number

Charity number

The Companies Act 2006
Company not having a Share Capital
Articles of Association

of

Midsomer Norton Community Trust

1 Name

- 1.1 The name of the company is Midsomer Norton Community Trust (the "Charity").

2 Registered office

- 2.1 The registered office of the Charity is in England and Wales.

3 Objects

- 3.1 The objects of the Charity (the "Objects") are:
- 3.1.1 The provision, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Midsomer Norton in Somerset and the surrounding area, of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupation for individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the objective of improving their conditions of life.
 - 3.1.2 The advancement of good citizenship and community development of the inhabitants of Midsomer Norton in Somerset and the surrounding area in such manner as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.
 - 3.1.3 The advancement, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Midsomer Norton in Somerset and the surrounding area, of such other objects or purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales in such manner as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

4 Powers

- 4.1 The Charity has the power to do anything within the law which may promote or may help to promote the Objects or any of them including (but without limitation) the power:
- 4.1.1 To provide, operate and develop community buildings and such other venues and facilities for the promotion of the Objects as the Trustees may think fit.
 - 4.1.2 To hold, put on, organise and manage (and assist in holding, putting on, organising and managing) festivals, seminars, conferences, lectures, tours and courses.
 - 4.1.3 To raise funds by providing services, entering into contracts and licences and carrying out such other non-taxable trading or other activities as the Trustees may think fit.
 - 4.1.4 To co-operate with and to enter into joint ventures, collaborations and partnerships with charitable and non-charitable bodies.

- 4.1.5 To support, administer or set up charities and to act as trustee of any charitable funds, endowments or trusts.
- 4.1.6 To affiliate with and where appropriate merge with any charity having similar objects to the objects.
- 4.1.7 To acquire or take on assets (and liabilities) from other organisations in furtherance of the Objects.
- 4.1.8 To borrow money, including entering into any derivative arrangement relating to that borrowing provided that the derivative arrangement is an integral part of managing the Charity's debt and not a speculative venture.
- 4.1.9 To give security for loans, grants and other obligations over the assets of the Charity (but only in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act 2011).
- 4.1.10 To acquire, rent or hire property of any kind.
- 4.1.11 To sell, let, license, mortgage or dispose of property of any kind (but only in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act 2011).
- 4.1.12 To make grants, awards, prizes or donations.
- 4.1.13 To make loans of money and give credit and to give guarantees or security for the performance of any obligations by any person or company.
- 4.1.14 To set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure, but only in accordance with a written policy on reserves.
- 4.1.15 To deposit or invest funds in any manner (but to invest only after taking such advice as the trustees consider is reasonably necessary from such person as is reasonably believed by the trustee to be qualified to give it by his or her ability in and practical experience of financial and other relevant matters).
- 4.1.16 To enter into any derivative arrangement in connection with any investment provided that the derivative arrangement is ancillary to the investment (being entered into in order to manage the risk and / or transaction costs associated with the investment) and is not a speculative venture.
- 4.1.17 To delegate the management of investments to any person provided that:
 - (a) the delegate is authorised to carry on investment business under the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;
 - (b) the investment policy is set out in writing by the Trustees;
 - (c) the performance of the investments is reviewed regularly with the Trustees;
 - (d) the investment policy and the delegation arrangements are reviewed at least once a year;
 - (e) all payments due to the delegate are on a scale or at a level which is agreed in advance and are notified promptly to the Trustees on receipt by the delegate; and
 - (f) the delegate must not do anything outside the powers of the Trustees.
- 4.1.18 To arrange for the investments or other property of the Charity to be held in the name of a nominee (being a corporate body registered or having an established place of

business in England and Wales) under the control of the Trustees or of any person to whom the management of investments is delegated and to pay any reasonable fee required.

- 4.1.19 To insure the property of the Charity against any foreseeable risk and take out other insurance policies to protect the Charity when required.
- 4.1.20 To take out indemnity insurance to insure the Trustees against the costs of a successful defence to criminal proceedings brought against them as charity trustees or against personal liability incurred in respect of any act or omission which is or is alleged to be in breach of trust or breach of duty, unless the Trustee concerned knew that, or was reckless whether, the act or omission was a breach of trust or breach of duty.
- 4.1.21 Subject to Articles 13 and 15, to employ paid or unpaid agents, staff or advisers.
- 4.1.22 To enter into contracts to provide services to or on behalf of other bodies.
- 4.1.23 To establish, support or acquire subsidiary companies.
- 4.1.24 To pay the costs of forming the Charity.
- 4.1.25 To open and operate bank accounts and banking facilities.
- 4.1.26 To solicit and accept grants, donations, endowments, gifts, legacies and bequests of assets on any terms.
- 4.1.27 To enter into any licence or sponsorship agreement.
- 4.1.28 To enter into any contract or agreement (including any finance lease).
- 4.1.29 To promote or carry out research and to disseminate such research.
- 4.1.30 To provide advice.
- 4.1.31 To publish or distribute information in any form.
- 4.1.32 To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Objects or any of them.

5 Limited liability

- 5.1 The liability of the Members is limited to £1, being the amount each Member undertakes to contribute to the Charity's assets if the Charity shall be wound up while he, she or it is a Member, or within one year after he, she or it ceases to be a Member, for payment of the Charity's debts and liabilities contracted before he, she or it ceases to be a Member and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

6 Membership

- 6.1 The number of Members with which the Charity is registered is unlimited.
- 6.2 The Charity must maintain a register of Members.
- 6.3 The Members of the Charity shall be:
 - 6.3.1 the subscribers to the Memorandum and the Trustees from time to time; and

6.3.2 the Council.

6.4 Every Member shall sign a written consent to become a Member.

6.5 No person shall be admitted as a Member if such membership would cause the Charity to be a Regulated Company.

6.6 In the case of a Member who is an individual, Membership is terminated if the Member concerned:

6.6.1 gives written notice of resignation to the Charity; or

6.6.2 dies; or

6.6.3 makes an arrangement or composition with his or her creditors; or

6.6.4 ceases to be a Trustee; or

6.6.5 becomes a Local Authority Associated Person and, as a result, the Charity would become a Regulated Company.

6.7 In the case of the Council, Membership is terminated if:

6.7.1 such Membership causes the Charity to be a Regulated Company; or

6.7.2 the Council gives written notice of its resignation to the Charity.

6.8 Membership of the Charity is not transferable.

6.9 The Trustees may admit such persons as they see fit as associate members in accordance with any criteria or rules set out by the Trustees from time to time, provided that associate members shall not be members of the Charity for the purposes of the Act and accordingly such membership shall not bestow upon any associate member the right to attend or vote on any matter at any general meeting of the Charity.

7 General meetings

7.1 Members are entitled to attend general meetings either personally or by proxy. General meetings are called on at least 14 clear days' written notice specifying the business to be discussed. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

7.2 A general meeting may be called at any time by the Trustees and must be called in accordance with the terms of the Act within 21 days of a written request from the Members made in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Quorum

7.3 There is a quorum at a general meeting if four Members who are also Independent Trustees ("Independent Members"), entitled to attend and vote at that meeting, are present in person or by proxy. If there are fewer than four Independent Members, all the Independent Members shall constitute a quorum. If there are no Independent Members, the Member(s) who are also Nominated Trustee(s) may only act for the purpose of appointing new Independent Trustees (each of whom shall, on appointment as an Independent Trustee, become an Independent Member) or of calling a general meeting.

- 7.4 If within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the holding of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting will be adjourned to such other day and at such time as the Board may determine. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within 15 minutes from the time appointed for holding the meeting the Members present in person or through their authorised representatives or by proxy shall be a quorum.

Chair

- 7.5 The Chairman or (if the Chairman is unable or unwilling to do so) some other Trustee elected by those present (who may not be a Local Authority Associated Person) shall preside as chair at a general meeting. The chair may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place as the chair shall determine.

Voting

- 7.6 A resolution put to the vote of a meeting will be decided on a show of hands unless before or upon the declaration of the result of the show of hands a poll is demanded by the chair, by at least two Members present in person or through their authorised representatives or by proxy; or by the Trustees.
- 7.7 Unless a poll is duly demanded a declaration by the chair that a resolution has been carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.
- 7.8 The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chair and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.
- 7.9 A poll shall be taken as the chair directs. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 7.10 A poll demanded on the election of a chair or on a question of adjournment will be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question will be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the chair directs not being more than 30 days after the poll is demanded. The demand for a poll will not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting will continue as if the demand had never been made.
- 7.11 No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.
- 7.12 On a show of hands or a poll every Member present in person or through its authorised representative or by proxy shall have one vote.
- 7.13 No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid. Any such objection must be referred to the chair of the meeting whose decision is final.

Proxy notices

- 7.14 Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "proxy notice") which:

- 7.14.1 states the name and address of the Member appointing the proxy;
 - 7.14.2 identifies the person appointed to be that Member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
 - 7.14.3 is signed by or on behalf of the Member appointing the proxy or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
 - 7.14.4 is delivered to the Charity in accordance with these Articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.
- 7.15 The Charity may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
- 7.16 Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.
- 7.17 Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:
- 7.17.1 allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting; and
 - 7.17.2 by appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates, as well as to the meeting itself.
- 7.18 A person who is entitled to speak, attend or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the Charity by or on behalf of that person.
- 7.19 An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Charity a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.
- 7.20 A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
- 7.21 If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

Written resolutions

- 7.22 A written resolution passed in accordance with the Act is as valid as a resolution actually passed at a general meeting (and for this purpose the written resolution may be set out in more than one document). A written resolution passed under this Article will lapse if not passed before the end of six calendar months beginning with the circulation date (as defined in section 290 of the Companies Act 2006).

Council representatives

- 7.23 The Council may by resolution of its members authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its authorised representative at any meeting of the Charity and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the Council as that person would exercise if he or she were an individual Member of the Charity.

8 The Trustees

- 8.1 The Trustees are the charity trustees of the Charity and have control of the Charity and its property and funds.
- 8.2 The first Trustees shall be the persons whose names are notified to Companies House on incorporation. Additional Trustees shall be appointed in accordance with Article 8.3.
- 8.3 The Board shall be composed of no fewer than four Trustees and no more than 11 Trustees comprising:
 - 8.3.1 Nominated Trustees appointed in accordance with Article 8.4; and
 - 8.3.2 Independent Trustees appointed in accordance with Article 8.5.
- 8.4 The Council may appoint and remove a maximum of four Trustees (each a "Nominated Trustee"). An appointment or removal of a Nominated Trustee shall be made by the Council giving notice in writing to the Charity and to the relevant Nominated Trustee.
- 8.5 The Trustees may by majority resolution appoint up to seven additional Trustees (each an "Independent Trustee"). The Trustees may from time to time at their discretion determine any criteria for the appointment of Independent Trustees, provided that no person shall be appointed as an Independent Trustee if he or she is:
 - 8.5.1 a member, officer or employee of the Council; or
 - 8.5.2 a Local Authority Associated Person.
- 8.6 No person shall be appointed as a Trustee if the appointment would result in the Charity being a Regulated Company.
- 8.7 If, by reason of a reduction in the number of Trustees or for any other reason, the Charity would be a Regulated Company, such number of Nominated Trustees who are Local Authority Associated Persons shall cease to be Trustees as is necessary to ensure that the Charity will not be a Regulated Company (such Trustees to be selected by agreement amongst themselves or, in the absence of agreement, by lot).
- 8.8 Upon appointment as a Trustee, a person shall automatically become a Member of the Charity.
- 8.9 Every Trustee shall sign a written consent to become a Trustee.

Term of office of Trustees

- 8.10 A Nominated Trustee shall remain in office until such time as he or she is removed by the Council, subject always to Article 8.15.
- 8.11 Subject to Article 8.12, the normal term of office for Independent Trustees shall be three years. An Independent Trustee shall be eligible for re-election by majority resolution of the Board for one further term of three years.
- 8.12 The first term of office for the first seven individuals who are appointed as Independent Trustees shall be determined by majority resolution of the Trustees, provided that no Independent Trustee's first term of office shall exceed three years.
- 8.13 After an Independent Trustee has served two consecutive terms in office, he or she shall be eligible for re-election only after a year has elapsed since he or she retired as Trustee, unless the Board considers it would be in the best interests of the Charity for an Independent Trustee

to be eligible for re-election on his or her retirement for such number of further terms as the Board shall resolve.

8.14 Every Trustee will hold office until he or she vacates office in accordance with Article 8.15.

8.15 A Trustee's term of office automatically terminates if he or she:

8.15.1 is disqualified under the Charities Act 2011 from acting as a charity trustee;

8.15.2 is, in the opinion of the Trustees, unable properly to fulfil his or her duties by reason of illness, disability or infirmity and the Trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated;

8.15.3 is absent from two consecutive meetings of the Board without the consent of the Trustees and the Trustees resolve that his or her office is vacated;

8.15.4 is removed as a Trustee by the Members pursuant to the Act;

8.15.5 resigns by written notice to the Trustees (but only if at least three Trustees will remain in office);

8.15.6 becomes bankrupt, has an interim receiving order made against him or her, makes any arrangement or compounds with his or her creditors generally or applies to the Court for an interim order in respect of a voluntary arrangement;

8.15.7 is convicted of an offence and the Trustees shall resolve that it is undesirable in the interests of the Charity that he or she remains a Trustee of the Charity;

8.15.8 in the case of a Nominated Trustee, he or she is removed by the Council;

8.15.9 in the case of an Independent Trustee, he or she is removed by unanimous resolution of the Trustees or becomes a Local Authority Associated Person; or

8.15.10 ceases to be a Member of the Charity.

8.16 A technical defect in the appointment of a Trustee of which the Trustees are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting of the Board.

9 Proceedings of the Board

9.1 The Trustees must hold at least four meetings of the Board each year. Any Trustee may call a meeting of the Board by giving notice of the meeting to the Trustees or by authorising the Secretary (if any) to give such notice provided that:

9.1.1 such notice must indicate the proposed date, time and location of the meeting and, if it is anticipated that Trustees participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting;

9.1.2 such notice must be given to each Trustee, but need not be in writing; and

9.1.3 such notice need not be given to Trustees who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting by giving notice to that effect to the Charity not more than seven days after the date on which the meeting is held (and where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it).

- 9.2 The quorum necessary at a meeting of the Board shall be determined by the Board and unless and until otherwise determined shall be four Independent Trustees, or all the Independent Trustees then in office if there are fewer than four Trustees. If the total number of Trustees for the time being is less than the quorum required, the Trustees must not take any decision other than a decision to call a general meeting or to appoint further Independent Trustees.
- 9.3 A meeting of the Board may be held either in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by the Trustees in which all Trustees participating in the meeting may communicate with all the other participants. If all the Trustees participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.
- 9.4 The Chairman or (if the Chairman is unable or unwilling to do so) some other Trustee chosen by the Trustees present will preside as chair at each meeting.
- 9.5 Every decision of the Trustees shall be by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting but a written resolution signed (or agreed to in writing) by all of the Trustees who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a meeting of the Board and would have formed a quorum at such a meeting is as valid as a resolution passed at a meeting (and for this purpose the resolution or agreement in writing may be contained in more than one document).
- 9.6 Every Trustee has one vote on each issue except for the chair of the meeting, who in the event of an equality of votes has a second or casting vote (unless the chair of the meeting is in accordance with these Articles not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes).
- 9.7 A procedural defect of which the Trustees are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

10 Powers of Trustees

- 10.1 The Trustees have the following powers in the administration of the Charity:
- 10.1.1 at their absolute discretion, to appoint (and remove) any person or corporate entity (who may also be a Trustee) to act as Secretary to the Charity in accordance with the Act;
 - 10.1.2 to appoint a Chairman from among their number;
 - 10.1.3 to appoint a Treasurer, Patron and other honorary officers;
 - 10.1.4 to make standing orders consistent with these Articles and the Act to govern proceedings at general meetings;
 - 10.1.5 to allow one or more individuals selected by the Trustees to attend Board meetings as observers (provided that such observers may only attend meetings at the discretion of the Board and shall have no rights to attend or speak, count in the quorum or vote at any such meeting);
 - 10.1.6 to make rules consistent with these Articles and the Act to govern proceedings at meetings of the Board and of committees;
 - 10.1.7 to make regulations consistent with these Articles and the Act to govern the administration of the Charity; and
 - 10.1.8 to exercise any powers of the Charity which are not reserved to a general meeting.
- 10.2 The Trustees may by majority resolution change the name of the Charity.

11 Delegation

- 11.1 Subject to these Articles, the Board may delegate any of the powers conferred on it by these Articles to such person, by such means, to such an extent, in relation to such matters and on such terms of reference as the Trustees think fit and, if the Board so specifies, any such delegation may authorise future delegation of the Trustees' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.
- 11.2 The Board may also delegate to any committee consisting of two or more individuals appointed by the Board any of its functions (including any powers or discretions) for such time and on such terms of reference as it thinks fit (including any requirement that a resolution of the committee shall not be effective unless a majority of those present when it is passed are Trustees or it is ratified by the Board) provided that:
 - 11.2.1 all proceedings of every committee must be reported promptly to the Trustees; and
 - 11.2.2 every committee must act in accordance with the terms of reference on which any function is delegated to it (but, subject to that, the proceedings of the committee will be governed by such of these Articles as regulate the proceedings of the Board so far as they are capable of applying).
- 11.3 The Board may at any time revoke any delegation in whole or part or alter its terms.

12 Advisory Board

- 12.1 The Board may establish an advisory board comprising individuals who, in the opinion of the Board, have relevant experience in dealing with issues affecting the Charity. An advisory board shall have none of the rights or powers exercisable by a committee of the Board other than a power to advise the Board on any matters which have been referred to it by the Board. The members of an advisory board shall not, unless they are also Trustees, have the duties and responsibilities of company directors or charity trustees. Subject to any terms and conditions expressly imposed by the Board, the proceedings of any advisory boards shall be governed by such of these Articles as regulate the proceedings of the Board so far as they are capable of applying.

13 Annual Meeting

- 13.1 The Annual Meeting is a meeting called by the Trustees for the benefit of the Charity's Beneficiaries.
- 13.2 An Annual Meeting shall take place at a time and in such manner as the Trustees deem appropriate, provided that no more than 15 months shall elapse between Annual Meetings.
- 13.3 The Annual Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary (if any) at the direction of the Trustees. Notice of the meeting to beneficiaries shall be given to Beneficiaries in such manner as the Trustees shall determine. The notice shall state the date, time and place of the Annual Meeting and the general nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- 13.4 The Trustees may make rules consistent with these Articles to govern the conduct of the Annual Meeting.

14 Benefits to Members

- 14.1 The income and property of the Charity must only be applied to promote the Objects and no part of that income or property may be paid, transferred or applied by way of Benefit to any Member but:

- 14.1.1 a Member who is not also a Trustee may be employed by or enter into contracts with the Charity and receive reasonable payment for goods or services supplied;
 - 14.1.2 a Member (including a Member who is also a Trustee) may be paid interest at a reasonable rate on money lent to the Charity;
 - 14.1.3 a Member (including a Member who is also a Trustee) may be paid a reasonable rent or hiring fee for property let or hired to the Charity;
 - 14.1.4 a Member (including a Member who is also a Trustee) may receive any Benefit in their capacity as a beneficiary of the Charity; and
 - 14.1.5 another charity of which a Member (including a Member who is also a Trustee) is a charity trustee or member may receive any Benefit which is in furtherance of the Objects and does not confer any Benefit on the Member.
- 14.2 In this Article, references to a Member or Trustee include references to any person who is Connected to that Member or Trustee.

15 Benefits to Trustees

- 15.1 The income and property of the Charity must only be applied to promote the Objects and no part of that income or property may be paid, transferred or applied by way of Benefit to any Trustee except:
- 15.1.1 reasonable and proper premiums in respect of indemnity insurance provided in accordance with these Articles;
 - 15.1.2 reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including hotel and travel costs) properly incurred in the management and administration of the Charity;
 - 15.1.3 an indemnity in accordance with these Articles;
 - 15.1.4 payment to any company in which a Trustee has no more than a 2% shareholding; and
 - 15.1.5 other payments or benefits permitted by law or with the prior consent of the Commission;
- provided that the Trustees must comply with the provisions of Articles 16, 17 and 18 (declaration of Interests and authorisation of Conflicts of Interest) in relation to any Benefit provided by the Charity to any Trustee pursuant to this Article.
- 15.2 The income and property of the Charity must only be applied to promote the Objects and no part of that income or property may be paid, transferred or applied by way of Benefit to any Trustee except:
- 15.2.1 interest at a reasonable rate on money lent to the Charity;
 - 15.2.2 a reasonable rent or hiring fee for property let or hired to the Charity;
 - 15.2.3 any Benefit provided to a Trustee in his or her capacity as a beneficiary of the Charity;
 - 15.2.4 any Benefit which is in furtherance of the Objects to another charity of which a Trustee is a charity trustee or member and which does not confer any Benefit on that Trustee; and

15.2.5 in respect of the provision of goods or services in accordance with Article 15.3;

provided that the Trustees must comply with the provisions of Articles 16, 17 and 18 (declaration of Interests and authorisation of Conflicts of Interest) in relation to any Benefit provided by the Charity to any Trustee pursuant to this Article.

15.3 Any Trustee may enter into a written contract with the Charity to supply goods or services to the Charity in return for a Benefit but only if:

15.3.1 the goods or services are actually required by the Charity;

15.3.2 the nature and level of the remuneration is no more than is reasonable in relation to the value of the goods or services supplied;

15.3.3 the Trustee has declared his or her Interest in accordance with Article 16 and the Trustees have complied with the procedure in Article 18.3;

15.3.4 no more than half of the Trustees are subject to or affected by such a contract in any financial year (and this provision will apply to a Trustee if this Article 15.3 applies to a person who is Connected to that Trustee); and

15.3.5 the services supplied are not services supplied by the Trustee in his / her capacity as a Trustee or by the Trustee under a contract of employment,

provided that the Trustees must comply with the provisions of Articles 16, 17 and 18 (declaration of Interests and authorisation of Conflicts of Interest) in relation to any Benefit provided by the Charity to any Trustee pursuant to this Article.

15.4 A Trustee or Member shall not receive a Benefit from any Subsidiary Company (whether as a director, officer or employee of the Subsidiary Company or under any contract for goods or services with the Subsidiary Company) except in accordance with Article 13 for a Member or Articles 15.1, 15.2 and 15.3 for a Trustee (all of which apply as if references to the Charity were references to the Subsidiary Company and references to the Articles were to the articles of association of the Subsidiary Company).

15.5 In this Article, references to a Member or Trustee include references to any person who is Connected to that Member or Trustee.

15.6 This Article may not be amended without prior written consent of the Commission.

16 Declaration of interests

16.1 Every Trustee has a duty to declare to the Trustees the nature and extent of any Interest which he or she (or any Connected Person) has in any proposed or existing transaction or arrangement with the Charity or any situation or matter in relation to the Charity that is, or possibly may be, a Conflict of Interest.

16.2 In the case of any proposed transaction or arrangement with the Charity in which a Trustee (or any Connected Person) is Interested, he or she must declare the nature and extent of the Interest to the Trustees before the Charity enters into the transaction or arrangement.

16.3 In the case of any existing transaction or arrangement that has been entered into by the Charity or any situation or matter in relation to the Charity in which a Trustee (or any Connected Person) is Interested, he or she must declare the nature and extent of the Interest to the Trustees as soon as is reasonably practicable.

16.4 Any declaration must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Act:

- 16.4.1 at a meeting of the Board; or
 - 16.4.2 by notice in writing to the Trustees; or
 - 16.4.3 by general notice to the Trustees.
- 16.5 A Trustee is not required to declare an Interest:
- 16.5.1 where the Trustee is not aware of the Interest (but the Trustee is treated as being aware of matters of which he ought reasonably to be aware); or
 - 16.5.2 where the Trustee is not aware of the transaction or arrangement or situation or matter (but the Trustee is treated as being aware of matters of which he ought reasonably to be aware); or
 - 16.5.3 if, or to the extent that, the other Trustees are already aware of the Interest (or ought reasonably to be aware of the Interest).
- 16.6 The Charity will maintain a register of all of the Interests declared by the Trustees in accordance with this Article. The Trustees will prepare (and from time to time review) a policy in relation to the declaration and management of Conflicts of Interest.

17 Conflicts of interest

- 17.1 Subject to Articles 17.2 and 18, a Trustee has a duty under the Act to avoid a situation or matter (including a transaction or arrangement with the Charity) in which he / she has, or can have, a Conflict of Interest. This duty applies to the exploitation of any property, information or opportunity (and it is immaterial whether the Charity could take advantage of the property, information or opportunity).
- 17.2 Pursuant to section 181(3) of the Companies Act 2006, the duty referred to in Article 17.1 does not apply to a Conflict of Interest arising in relation to any situation or matter or any transaction or arrangement between the Charity and any Trustee which is mentioned in Article 15.1 of these Articles.

18 Authorisation of conflicts of interest

- 18.1 The Trustees may authorise a transaction or arrangement or situation or matter in which a Trustee (or any person Connected to that Trustee) has, or may have, a Conflict of Interest provided that:
- 18.1.1 the Conflict of Interest will not confer a Benefit on the Trustee or any Connected Person at the expense of the Charity to an extent greater than that permitted by Article 15 of these Articles;
 - 18.1.2 the Trustees act in what they consider to be the best interests of the Charity; and
 - 18.1.3 the Trustees comply with the procedures set out in this Article 18.
- 18.2 Whenever the Trustees must decide whether to give the authorisation in accordance with Article 18.1 the Trustee concerned must:
- 18.2.1 declare the nature and extent of his or her Interest at the beginning of any meeting at which the authorisation is to be discussed (or, at the latest, before such discussion begins);
 - 18.2.2 withdraw from that part of the meeting at which the authorisation is to be discussed unless expressly invited to remain in order to provide information;

- 18.2.3 not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting during which the authorisation is discussed;
 - 18.2.4 withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the authorisation for that part of the meeting; and
 - 18.2.5 not sign any written resolution in relation to the authorisation (except where required to do so to confirm a resolution of the other Trustees).
- 18.3 The Trustees may also exclude the relevant Trustee from the receipt of information in relation to the relevant transaction, arrangement, situation or matter.
- 18.4 In giving any authorisation in accordance with Article 18.1 in relation to any transaction or arrangement or situation or matter in which a Trustee (or any person Connected to that Trustee) has, or may have, a Conflict of Interest and which will or may confer a Benefit on that Trustee (or Connected Person), the Trustees must provide that the Trustee concerned will:
- 18.4.1 declare the nature and extent of his or her Interest at the beginning of any meeting at which the relevant transaction or arrangement or situation or matter is to be discussed (or, at the latest, before such discussion begins);
 - 18.4.2 withdraw from that part of any meeting at which the relevant transaction or arrangement or situation or matter is to be discussed unless expressly invited to remain in order to provide information;
 - 18.4.3 not be counted in the quorum for that part of any meeting during which the relevant transaction or arrangement or situation or matter is discussed;
 - 18.4.4 withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the relevant transaction or arrangement or situation or matter at the relevant part of any meeting; and
 - 18.4.5 not sign any written resolution in relation to the relevant transaction or arrangement or situation or matter (except where required to do so to confirm a resolution of the other Trustees).
- 18.5 In giving the authorisation under Article 18.1 in relation to a transaction or arrangement or situation or matter in which a Trustee (or any person Connected to a Trustee) has, or may have, a Conflict of Interest which will not confer a Benefit on that Trustee (or Connected Person), the Trustees may (subject to such terms as they may impose from time to time and to their right to vary or terminate such authorisation) determine the manner in which they may be dealt with and, in doing so, the Trustees must consider:
- 18.5.1 whether the nature and extent of the interest in the relevant transaction or arrangement or situation or matter is reasonably likely to give rise to a Conflict of Interest;
 - 18.5.2 whether or not the Trustee should withdraw from that part of any meeting at which the relevant transaction or arrangement or situation or matter is to be discussed unless expressly invited to remain in order to provide information;
 - 18.5.3 whether or not the Trustee should be excluded from the receipt of information in relation to the relevant transaction, arrangement, situation or matter;
 - 18.5.4 whether or not the Trustee should be counted in the quorum for that part of any meeting during which the relevant transaction or arrangement or situation or matter is discussed; and

- 18.5.5 whether or not the Trustee should withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the relevant transaction or arrangement or situation or matter at the relevant part of any meeting.

19 Records and accounts

- 19.1 The Trustees must comply with the requirements of the Act and of the Charities Act 2011 as to keeping financial records, the audit of accounts and the preparation and transmission to the Registrar of Companies and the Commission of:
- 19.1.1 annual reports;
 - 19.1.2 annual returns; and
 - 19.1.3 annual statements of account.
- 19.2 The Trustees must keep proper records of:
- 19.2.1 all proceedings at general meetings;
 - 19.2.2 all proceedings at meetings of the Board (including a record of all unanimous or majority decisions taken by the Board for at least ten years from the date of the decision recorded);
 - 19.2.3 all reports of committees; and
 - 19.2.4 all professional advice obtained.
- 19.3 Accounting records relating to the Charity must be made available for inspection by any Trustee at any reasonable time during normal office hours.
- 19.4 A copy of the Charity's latest available statement of account must be supplied on request to any Trustee or Member, or to any other person who makes a written request and pays the Charity's reasonable costs, within two months of such request.

20 Notices

- 20.1 Notices, documents, resolutions or information under these Articles may be sent or supplied to Trustees by hand, or by post or by suitable electronic means.
- 20.2 The Charity may deliver a notice or other document to a Member by:
- 20.2.1 delivering it personally to the Member;
 - 20.2.2 post or hand delivery to the Member's address shown in the register of Members;
 - 20.2.3 electronic mail to an address notified by the Member in writing; or
 - 20.2.4 by means of a website in accordance with Articles 20.3 and 20.4.
- 20.3 Notices, resolutions, documents or information may be sent or supplied to Members by means of a website provided that a Member has consented to receive notices, resolutions, documents or information in that way. A Member will be deemed to have agreed to receive notices, resolutions, documents and information in this way where they have been asked individually by the Charity to agree to receive notices, resolutions, documents and information through a website and the Charity has not received a response within the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the Charity's request was sent. A Member is not taken to have so

agreed if the Charity's request did not state clearly what the effect of a failure to respond would be, or was sent less than 12 months after a previous request was made.

- 20.4 Where any notice, resolution, document or other information is to be sent or supplied by means of a website, a Member shall be notified in accordance with Articles 20.2.1, 20.2.2 or 20.2.3 of:
- 20.4.1 its presence on the website;
 - 20.4.2 the address of the website;
 - 20.4.3 the place on the website where it may be accessed; and
 - 20.4.4 how to access it.
- 20.5 Any notice, resolution, document or other information sent or supplied by means of a website shall be deemed to have been received by the Member when the notice, resolution, document or other information is first made available on the website or, if later, when the Member is deemed to have received the notification given under Article 20.4 in accordance with the relevant provisions of 20.6.
- 20.6 Subject to Article 20.5, any notice given in accordance with these Articles is to be treated for all purposes as having been received:
- 20.6.1 24 hours after being sent by electronic means or delivered by hand to the relevant address;
 - 20.6.2 two clear days after being sent by first class post to that address;
 - 20.6.3 three clear days after being sent by second class or overseas post to that address;
 - 20.6.4 on being handed to the Member (or, in the case of a member organisation, its authorised representative) personally; or, if earlier
 - 20.6.5 as soon as the Member acknowledges actual receipt.
- 20.7 A technical defect in the giving of notice of a meeting of which the Trustees are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at that meeting.

21 Indemnity

- 21.1 The Charity may indemnify any Trustee against any liability incurred by him or her in that capacity, to the extent permitted by the Act.

22 Dissolution

- 22.1 If the Charity is dissolved the assets (if any) remaining after provision has been made for all its liabilities shall be given or transferred to the charitable trust known as Midsomer Norton Town Trust (or by such other name as the charity established with that name shall at that time be known) (the "Town Trust"), provided that the Town Trust then exists and is a registered charity, having objects similar to the Objects and, if at the time of dissolution of the Charity the Town Trust does not exist or is no longer a registered charity having objects similar to the Objects, the assets of the Charity (if any) remaining after provision has been made for all its liabilities must be applied by the Trustees in the following ways:
- 22.1.1 by transfer to one or more other bodies established for exclusively charitable purposes which the Trustees in their absolute discretion consider are within, the same as or similar to the Objects; and (subject thereto);

22.1.2 directly for the Objects or charitable purposes within or similar to the Objects; and (subject thereto);

22.1.3 in such other manner consistent with charitable status as the Commission may approve in writing in advance.

22.2 A final report and statement of account must be sent to the Commission.

23 Amendments to these Articles

23.1 No resolution to amend any of the following provisions of these Articles shall be valid unless the Council (as Member) votes in favour of the resolution:

23.1.1 Article 6.3 (Members);

23.1.2 Article 8 (Trustees); and

23.1.3 this Article 23.

23.2 This Article 23 shall not apply if it would have the effect of making the Charity a Regulated Company.

24 Model Articles

24.1 The model articles for private companies limited by guarantee contained in schedule 2 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) shall not apply to the Charity.

25 Interpretation

25.1 In these Articles:

the Act: means the Companies Act 2006 and any provisions of the Companies Act 1985 for the time being in force

these Articles: means these articles of association

authorised representative: means an individual who is authorised in writing by a member organisation to act on its behalf at meetings of the Charity and whose name is given to the Secretary

Beneficiaries: means the beneficiaries of the Charity, being the inhabitants of Midsomer Norton and the surrounding area

Benefit: means any payment of money or the provision or other application of any other direct or indirect benefit in money or money's worth

Board: means the board of trustees of the Charity

Chairman: means the Chairman of the Board appointed in accordance with Article 10.1.2

the Charity: means the company governed by these Articles

charity trustee: has the meaning prescribed by section 177 of the Charities Act 2011

clear day: means 24 hours from midnight following the relevant event

the Commission: means the Charity Commission for England and Wales

Conflict of Interest: means any Interest of a Trustee (or any person Connected to a Trustee) that conflicts, or may conflict, with the interests of the Charity and includes a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties

Connected Person: means any person falling within one of the following categories:

- (a) any spouse or civil partner of a Trustee or a Member;
- (b) any parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild of a Trustee or Member who is financially dependent on such Trustee or Member or on whom the Trustee or Member is financially dependent;
- (c) the spouse or civil partner of any person in (b);
- (d) any other person in a relationship with a Trustee or Member which may reasonably be regarded as equivalent to that of a spouse or civil partner; or
- (e) any company, LLP or partnership of which a Trustee or Member is a paid director, member, partner or employee or a holder of more than 2% of the share capital or capital; and

any person who is a Connected Person in relation to any Trustee or Member is referred to in these Articles as **Connected** to that Trustee or Member

Council: means the Town Council of Midsomer Norton or any successor body

Independent Trustee: has the meaning given in Article 8.5

Interest: means any direct or indirect interest (and includes any interest a Trustee or any person Connected to a Trustee may have as a consequence of any duty he or she may owe to any other person) and where a Trustee (or any person Connected to a Trustee) has any such interest in any matter or situation or transaction or arrangement the Trustee is **Interested** in it

Local Authority: means the Council and/or any other county, county borough, district, parish or community council with which the Charity has a business relationship within the meaning of section 69 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

Local Authority Associated Person: means any person associated with any local authority within the meaning given in section 69 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

Member and Membership refer to the members of the Charity for the purposes of, and as defined by, the Act and their membership of the Charity

month: means calendar month

Nominated Trustee: has the meaning given in Article 8.4

Regulated Company: means a company deemed to be regulated for the purposes of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Authorities (Companies) Order 1995 and any subsequent amendments, extension or re-enactments thereto

Secretary: means the secretary of the Charity or if no secretary has been appointed, the person to carry out the duties of the secretary of the Charity

Subsidiary Company: means any company in which the Charity holds:

- (a) more than 50% of the shares; or
- (b) more than 50% of the voting rights attached to the shares; or

(c) the right to appoint one or more of the directors

Trustee: means each of the directors of the Charity under the Act (and **Trustees** means all of the directors)

written or in writing: refers to a legible document on paper (including a fax message) or in electronic form (including an e-mail)

year: means calendar year.

25.2 Expressions defined in the Act have the same meaning.

25.3 References to an Act of Parliament are to the relevant Act as amended or re-enacted from time to time and to any subordinate legislation made under it.