CHORLTON CIVIC SOCIETY
(FORMERLY CHORLTON VOICE)

1. NAME
The name of the Group shall be the "**Chorlton Civic Society".**

2. OBJECTS
The Group is established for the public benefit for the following **purposes** in the area comprising Chorlton-cum-Hardy and its immediate neighbourhood

I. To act as a forum and voice of the residents and stakeholders in the area; open to all residents, regardless of gender, race, religion, colour, age, disability or sexual orientation.

II. To promote or assist in promoting Civic pride in the area.

III. To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area.

In furtherance of the said purposes the Group's **activities and aims**, through its Committee, may include:

(1) To act as a co-ordinating body and to co-operate with local authorities, planning committees, and other statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, charities and persons having aims in keeping with those of the Group.

(2) To hold meetings.

(3) To promote high standards of planning and architecture in the area

(4) To promote or assist in promoting activities of a community or charitable nature throughout Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

(5) To educate public opinion and to give advice and information.

(6) To do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of said purposes.

3. MEMBERSHIP
Membership shall be open to all who are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the Group, subject to committee approval. Membership is granted by simple written request to a committee member to have one's name added to the membership and mailing list; and payment of a membership fee as required.

If a member remains committed to the Group's purposes, they shall remain a member until and unless requested otherwise by themselves.

Members shall have the power to vote at any meeting of the Group, if they have been a member for at least one calendar month.

Junior members shall be those aged less than 16 years at the time of the AGM, and they shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Group until they turn 16.
Corporate members shall be such societies, associations, educational institutions or businesses as are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the Group. A corporate member shall appoint a representative to vote on its behalf at all meetings but before such representative exercises his or her right to vote the corporate member shall give their name to the Committee.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS
There is either no Annual subscription for membership, or there shall be such reasonable sum as may be determined by the committee from time to time. The latter being payable at least one calendar month in advance of the AGM. Membership shall be granted as described above.

5. MEETINGS
An Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about March of each year to receive the Committee's report and to elect Officers and Members of the Committee. The Committee shall decide when ordinary meetings of the Group shall be held. Special General Meetings of the Group shall be held at the request of Committee or at the request of 15 or more members. 15 members personally present shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Group. The Committee shall give at least seven days' notice to members of all meetings of the Group.

6. OFFICERS
Nomination for the election of the 3 Officers may be made in writing to the Secretary, or may be made in person at the Annual General Meeting. The consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained.

The election of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee members.

Nominees for election as Officers or Committee members shall declare at the Annual General Meeting at which their election is to be considered any financial or professional interest likely to be of concern to the Group.

The 3 named Officers of the Group shall be:
- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

all of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies occurring among the Officers of the Group.

7. THE COMMITTEE
The Committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Group.

The Committee shall consist of the 3 Officers and not less than 2 and not more than 10 other members.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt further members (who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity).

In the event of an equality in the votes cast, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.

Nominations for election to the Committee may be made in writing to the Secretary, or may be made in person at the Annual General Meeting. The consent of the proposed nominee

must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place in such manner as shall be determined.

Members of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Group, and outgoing members may be re-elected.

The Committee shall meet not less than twice a year at intervals determined by said Committee, and the Secretary shall give all Committee members not less than 5 days' notice of each meeting.

The Quorum shall, as near as may be, comprise one third of the members of the Committee.

The Committee shall have the power to fill up to 3 casual vacancies occurring among the members of the Committee between General Meetings.

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

It shall be the duty of every member who is in any way directly or indirectly interested financially or professionally in any item discussed at any meeting of the Group (including any meeting of any committee or, sub-committee) at which he or she may be present to declare such interest and he or she shall not discuss such item (except by the invitation of the Chair) or vote thereon.

9. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of members present at an Annual General. Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Group, if 14 days' notice of the proposed amendment has been made available to members

10. NOTICES

Any notice to be given by this constitution shall be deemed to be duly given if distributed by a method deemed appropriate by committee. This may include notices being sent to the physical address or email address that a member last notified to the Secretary, and/or notices published on the Group's website, other internet portal or mailing list.

11. WINDING UP

The Group may be dissolved by a two thirds majority of members voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Group. If a motion for the dissolution of the Group is to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting this motion shall be referred to specifically when notice of the meeting is given.

On closure, after debts and liabilities have been cleared, any remaining assets will be transferred to one or more local constituted bodies with compatible purposes and agreed at the Annual General Meeting or Special General meeting as above.

Note 1: New Constitution (including adoption of the operating name of "Chorlton Voice") approved at Chorlton Civic Society Extraordinary General Meeting on 9th May 2017.
Note 2: Asset disposal clause added to paragraph 11 approved at Annual General Meeting on 14th March 2023.
Note 3: Amendment to paragraph 1 to revert to the group name "Chorlton Civic Society" proposed to Annual General Meeting on 12th March 2024.