

NORTHFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION

The Northfield Management Committee is a joint venture of the Parish Councils of Ash-cum-Ridley and Hartley and has been established to manage an area of land know as 'Northfield' leased from the New Ash Green Village Association Limited from 10th March 1999 for a term of 99 years.

The general principles are to establish the whole area as a local amenity for recreation, applying conservation principles where possible. To guard against large scale increased use by outside bodies. Any variation to the terms of the lease must be agreed by the Parish Councils of Hartley and Ash-cum-Ridley and by the New Ash Green Village Association Ltd.

1. The Northfield Management Committee will consist of The Chairman plus two members from each respective Parish Council and the Clerks of both Ash-cum-Ridley and Hartley Parish Councils. The Secretary will be the Clerk of Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council and the Treasurer the Clerk of Hartley Parish Council, or vice-versa according to circumstances.
2. The Northfield Management Committee will be responsible for complying in full with the terms of the lease, payment of rent (£1.00) per annum and respect all covenants so contained within the lease.
3. The venue of the meetings will alternate between Hartley and Ash-cum-Ridley and the host Parish Council will chair the meetings.
4. The committee will meet at least four times a year.
5. To operate a bank account with three authorised signatories.
6. To prepare a budget with its own respective Parish Councils before setting its precept.
7. To produce yearly accounts for public inspection and audit.
8. Members will abide by the Code of Conduct adopted by each Parish Council.
9. Members will abide by Standing Orders approved by Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council and Hartley Parish Council and adopted by Northfield Management Committee. These will be reviewed regularly by the Committee. A resolution to permanently add, vary or revoke a Standing Order shall, when proposed, be referred without discussion to the two Councils for approval before adoption by the Northfield Management Committee.
10. Members will abide by Financial Regulations reviewed by the Northfield Management Committee and approved and adopted by Ash-cum- Ridley Parish Council and Hartley Parish Council.
11. Members will be aware of the aims and objectives of Northfield when making decisions relating to the use of the land as follows:-

- The general philosophy will be to apply conservation principles wherever possible, manage the woodland appropriately and match planting to purpose.
- A grassed open area for all age groups to enjoy, subject to byelaws.
- Car parking as detailed in the planning permission already given.
- Junior football pitches as detailed in the planning permission already given.
- A mown area between the football pitches and Farm Holt/Caling Croft for general knockabouts.
- A jogging route with small markers to judge distance.
- A horse riding route on the perimeter suitably defined apart from the general area, with arrangement to prevent motor cycle entry.
- Appropriate planting of trees to enhance the general amenity if necessary.
- Appropriate screening by planting of boundaries, if necessary.

12. Where no agreement may be reached between the two Parish Councils in respect of a proposal beyond the scope of the aims and objectives set out in paragraph 11 above, then the proposal will fall.

13. To co-opt for such time as is necessary, non-voting members to assist with specific items or expertise.

Approved by Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council on 21 November 2013

Approved by Hartley Parish Council on 18 November 2013

Adopted by Northfield Management Committee on 13 January 2014