

Constitution for The Leigh Playpark Committee

The name of the Group is The Leigh Playpark Committee called 'the group' in these rules.

Aim:

To make the Leigh Playpark a safe and enjoyable environment for people of all ages and provide opportunities for community members to improve and care for it

Objectives:

- To work alongside Leigh Parish Council and Leigh Village Hall Trust to help maintain and improve the Playpark
- To secure funds to improve the infrastructure of the park
- To ensure the views of park users and local residents are gathered and taken into account

Powers:

To further these objectives, the group may exercise the following powers

- To raise funds and receive contributions, donations and otherwise, provided that the group does not undertake any permanent trading activity;
- To set up a bank account in the name of the group
- To bring together representatives of voluntary and statutory organisations, government departments and individuals;
- To produce leaflets/posters to publicise group activities;
- To hold meetings;
- To undertake any other lawful activity to further the group's aims.

Membership

Membership of the group shall be open to any person who has an interest in improving and raising funds for the playpark.

The group will not be linked with any particular political party or religious group and will be committed to non-discriminatory practices and equal opportunities.

Management Committee

From amongst the committee, a chairperson, secretary and a treasurer will be selected. Other members may be appointed to undertake particular responsibilities within the group, eg fundraising.

Meetings

General meetings will be held as often as necessary and at least two times a year.

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the group shall be held every year in the month of May. Business of the AGM will include confirming the committee; reporting on the activities during the year, amendments to the constitution and approval of the group's accounts.

Finances

- Any money raised shall be used to further the aims of the group and for no other purpose;
- A bank account will be opened in the name of the group;
- The group shall decide the signatories to any account set up in the name of the group.
- A simple written note of the group's financial position will from time to time be produced and available at meetings of the committee.
- No member shall derive any financial benefit from the group, except for payment of 'reasonable expenses';
- No money will be paid out in the name of the group without a receipt being presented.

Amendments to the constitution

Any part of this document can be deleted, amended or added to, or additional parts added to it at the next AGM. Details of the proposed changes should be circulated with the notice of the AGM.

If amendment(s) to the constitution are necessary, members will be informed in writing and given the opportunity to consider and vote on the amendments.

Dissolution

If the committee, by a simple majority, deem it advisable to dissolve the group, it shall call a meeting of all the members of the group. If the group is dissolved, then all the assets shall be transferred to the Leigh Parish Council.