Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group
Constitution

1. Name

The name is “The Bolehill & Steeple Grange Improvement Group” and is hereinafter referred to as “The Group”.

2. Objectives

The objectives for which The Group is established are:-

(a) To protect and improve the village environment of Bolehill & Steeple Grange, Wirksworth in the County of Derbyshire and to promote a collective voice in the interest of all residents.

(b) To organise and run social events open to all residents of Bolehill & Steeple Grange and their guests.

(c) To enquire into and raise finance for the environmental improvement of Bolehill & Steeple Grange, its village and immediate surrounds, such improvements acknowledging and being sympathetic to the history and character of the area.

(d) To improve road safety and parking facilities throughout the village.

(e) The Group shall be a non-political and non-religious organisation.

3. Membership

Membership of The Group shall be open to all residents of Bolehill & Steeple Grange (under 16s to be accompanied by an adult) irrespective of gender, race, nationality or political opinion.

4. Finance

(a) All money raised by or on behalf of The Group shall be applied to further the objectives and for no other purpose.

(b) A bank account shall be held in the name of The Group (currently Lloyds TSB).

(c) All cheques issued by The Group shall be signed by two committee members who have been registered with the bank as signatories.

(d) The Treasurer shall keep accounts of the finances of The Group.

(e) The Group's financial year shall be January to December.

(f) At the end of the financial year the Treasurer will produce a statement of accounts showing all financial transactions for that year. These accounts will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

(g) No payment shall be made to any member of the committee or member of The Group other than the repayment of legitimate out-of-pocket expenses.

(h) The Group is a not-for-profit organisation.

5. Officers and Committee

(a) The Group shall be run by a Committee of volunteers comprising Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, and Communications Officer ("The Officers").

(b) The Committee shall have the power to appoint and elect to the Committee should a vacancy arise through resignation during the serving year.

(c) The Committee shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. No Officer may serve for more than three consecutive years unless there are no other nominees for his/her position.

(d) The Honorary Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings together with members present.

6. Meetings

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date to be arranged in January as decided by The Group. At such meeting, the Chairperson on behalf of the Committee, shall present a report with reference to all matters which they have dealt with since the previous year's Annual General Meeting.

(b) Open Meetings will normally be held 6 times per annum.

(c) At least fourteen days notice shall be given of any meeting.

(d) Five members of an Open Meeting and ten members at a General Meeting shall form a quorom.

(e) At any meeting, every resident present shall have a vote which may be exercised by a show of hands or, if it is considered more appropriate, by a closed ballot.

(e) For voting purposes a resident shall be anyone resident in Bolehill & Steeple Grange being sixteen years old or over.

(f) In the absence of the Chairperson from any meeting, the members present at that meeting shall elect a Chairperson to preside at that meeting.

7. Alterations to Rules

No alteration shall be made to these rules except by a resolution duly passed by two thirds of the members present and voting at a Special General Meeting of members,

or the Annual General Meeting. Fourteen days notice in writing of any proposed alteration shall be given to all members.

This version of the Constitution was formally adopted by members of The Group on the 11th day of March 2020.

Date ….....

Signed …..... Chairperson

Signed …..... Secretary