

At least fourteen days' notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to the membership and must include notice of the alteration proposed: Provided that no alteration to clause (objects), clause (dissolution) or this clause, shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained; and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Association to cease to be a charity in law.

13. DISSOLUTION:

The Association may be dissolved by a Resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of which twenty-one days' notice shall have been given (to the members). Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the Association as the Association may determine and if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose.



HISTORY & REVISIONS

June 1992	First approval by Charity <i>Commissioners</i>
April 1999	Changes approved by AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clauses to be numbered for easy reference. b) Clause 3 previously stated "Individuals join as Annual subscribing members ..." c) Clause 7 amended to include "Honorary Vice Chairman"
May 1999	Revised copy lodged with <i>Charity Commissioners</i>
April 2005	Changes approved by AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clause 8 previously stated "...not exceeding ten in number inclusive of Officers."
September 2005	Revised copy lodged with <i>Charity Commissioners</i>
April 2006	Change approved by AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clause 5 previously stated "year ending 31st December" (Lines 9 & 14)
July 2006	Revised copy lodged with <i>Charity Commissioners</i>
April 2009	Changes approved by AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clause 3 previously stated "Members shall pay an annual subscription and shall be bound..." b) Revised clause 3 to take effect when the AGM decides to set new subscription rates c) Introduced new clause 11 and renumbered 11 and 12 to 12 and 13
May 2009	Revised copy lodged with <i>Charity Commissioners</i>

CONSTITUTION

May 2009

1. NAME:

The name shall be Friends of Pembrokeshire National Park Association, to be known as "Friends of Pembrokeshire National Park".

2. OBJECTS:

The object of the Association shall be to assist, for the public benefit, in the protection, conservation and enhancement of the Pembrokeshire National Park.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

Persons may join the membership of the Association as single members, joint or family members, or as life members and shall pay the appropriate subscription determined by the Annual General Meeting and shall be bound by the constitution of the Association.

4. SUBSCRIPTION:

The amount of the annual subscription shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions shall become due on the first day of January in each year. No person shall have the privileges of a member until his or her subscription for the current year has been paid.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the members of the Association, at which every member shall be entitled to speak and vote. The meeting shall be held in April at a time and place in Pembrokeshire to be decided by the Executive Committee. Not less than twenty-one days notice in writing shall be given to every member, together with the agenda, including any nominations for election as an officer or member of the Executive Committee and the text of any resolutions proposed to be moved, with the names of the Proposer and Seconder, and a copy of the audited balance sheet and statements of accounts for the preceding year ending August 31st.

The meeting shall:

- Elect the Officers for the ensuing year.
- Elect the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.
- Receive the Treasurer's report and statements of account for the preceding year, ending August 31st
- Consider and vote on any resolution which has been duly submitted to the meeting.
- Deal with any other business at the discretion of the Chairman of the meeting.

No resolution other than those relating to the Treasurer's report and statement of account or other formal business shall be moved at the meeting unless Notice thereof in writing, signed by the members who propose to move and second it, shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary by March 1st and the text of the resolution with the names of the proposer and seconder shall have been included in the Notice to members. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be twenty members.

6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:

A special General Meeting may be summoned at any time on a written request signed by at least twenty members of the Association and delivered to the Secretary containing details of the business to be transacted. At least twenty-one days notice must be given to members.

The quorum for a special general meeting shall be twenty members.

7. OFFICERS:

The Officers of the association shall consist of an Honorary Chairman, Honorary Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee of members not exceeding fifteen in number inclusive of any Officers. In the event of a vacancy arising the Committee may co-opt a member to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Executive Committee may appoint subcommittees for such purposes as they think desirable. The Executive Committee shall meet not less than four times a year and four shall form a quorum. Subcommittees shall not have plenary powers.

9. ELECTION AND NOMINATION:

The Officers and the Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for election shall be proposed and seconded in writing by members of the Association and shall be received by the Secretary at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

10. VOTING:

Voting shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

11. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Annual General Meeting may decide to grant Honorary Membership on the nomination of the Executive Committee to persons deemed to warrant such an award by dint of outstanding service normally over many years to the Friends, but their number shall not exceed two per cent of the membership.

12. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION:

Alteration to this Constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual or a Special General Meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the Constitution must be received by the Secretary of the Association at least twenty-one days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward.