

WOOKEY HOLE CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Club is “Wookey Hole Club”

2. History

The Wookey Hole Club was established in 1884 being built at the request of the villagers by the Papermill owner W.S.Hodgkinson. The Hodgkinson family had close involvement while allowing the Club to be managed by the villagers by way of an elected committee. Guy Hodgkinson was the last family owner of the Papermill and many of the village properties including the Club. In his will he allowed the Club to continue using the property for as long as the Club is in existence.

Clause 6 from Guy Hodgkinson’s Will:

‘I hereby devise All that the messuage or club house buildings and property situate at Wookey Hole aforesaid and known as “Wookey Hole Club” unto my Trustees Upon trust to permit the Committee of the Wookey Hole Club to continue to use and enjoy the same as a Club for the benefit of the Village of Wookey Hole aforesaid at the annual rent of One shilling and subject to the same terms and conditions in every respect as those upon which the Committee now hold the premises But in the event of the premises for any reason ceasing to be used and occupied as a Club as aforesaid then the same shall fall into and form part of my residuary estate and be dealt with in manner hereinafter declared concerning the same.’

3. Objectives

The Objectives of the Club are:

- 3.1 to provide a venue for social, recreational and cultural activities for all Members of the Club.
- 3.2 to be a focal point of the village and actively encourage use of the building by villagers and local groups.
- 3.3 to raise only sufficient funds to maintain the building and invest in the betterment of the Club.

4. Administration

The Club shall be managed and administered, in accordance with this Constitution, by a Management Committee.

5. Obligations

The following obligations are to be actioned under the terms of the Hodgkinson Lease which grants the use of the building and associated property to be used as a Club for the benefit of the Village of Wookey Hole.

- 5.1 not to assign, underlet or part with the possession of the premises or any part thereof.
- 5.2 to pay the annual rent of One Shilling (£0.05).
- 5.3 to pay all rates, taxes and assessments which are imposed in respect of the premises now or at any time during the tenancy.
- 5.4 to keep the whole of the premises in good and substantial repair and condition.
- 5.5 to keep the premises insured against loss and damage, identifying The Hodgkinson Trust as Landlord and interested party.
- 5.6 to ensure adequate insurance cover is taken to cover public and employer liability
- 5.7 in the case of fire or substantial damage, to rebuild and reinstate the premises and to make good any deficiencies in the amount to be received from the insurance cover.
- 5.8 to ensure all mandatory safety procedures are adhered to and regularly assessed

6. Powers

In furtherance of the Objectives and Obligations stated in this Constitution the Management Committee may exercise the following powers:

- 6.1 to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Management Committee shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law.
- 6.2 to employ such staff as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the Objectives and to make all statutory payments to staff.
- 6.3 to do all such lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the Objectives.