

# Moor Pool Wildlife: Constitution

1. **Name:** The group shall be called 'Moor Pool Wildlife' (or M.P.W.)
2. **Aims:** To preserve, enhance and protect public areas of natural environment and other areas such as gardens on the Moor Pool Estate, Harborne, Birmingham.
3. **Objectives:** The group will fulfil the aims by:
  - a. Working on maintenance, enhancement and protection projects in these areas.
  - b. Providing educational opportunities for residents of the estate and wider area e.g. local school groups
  - c. Liaising and co-operating with other groups and organisations working towards the enhancement of the wider environment of Moor Pool estate.
  - d. Eliciting the advice and assistance of experts including the Wildlife Trust when necessary.
  - e. Raising funds to help with this work.
  - f. Espousing equal opportunities principles in all its activities.
4. **Membership:** shall be open to anyone interested in helping the Group to achieve its aim.
5. **Finance:**
  - a. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the Group's finances, required to keep proper account of all transactions made on behalf of the Group and present a summary at AGM.
  - b. All monies will be kept by the treasurer in a bank or building society account. Signatories of the account shall be the Chairperson and Treasurer with either to sign.
  - c. All monies received by the Group shall be used for purposes of its aims and not personal profit.
  - d. No member may commit the Group to any expense without the Committee's authorisation.
  - e. Subscriptions shall be set by the committee.
6. **Ordinary Meetings:**
  - a. Shall be at least four per year and notified to Group members at least two weeks before the event.
  - b. Shall be minuted and available to any interested party.
7. **Annual General Meeting:**
  - a. Moor Pool Wildlife shall hold an AGM at least every 15 months.
  - b. It shall be notified to Group members and advertised publicly at least four weeks beforehand.
  - c. A quorum will be one quarter of the Group's membership.
  - d. The AGM shall elect a committee: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and up to five others.
  - e. The Chairperson shall present a report of the Group's activities since last AGM.
  - f. The Treasurer shall present the last financial year's accounts including income and outgoings.
8. **Changes to the Constitution:** Can take place at the AGM. Such proposals may be made by any member and shall be notified to all members at the time of notification of the date of the AGM. A change will require at least a two thirds vote of the members present to be accepted.
9. **Dissolution of the Group:**
  - a. The Group may be dissolved if agreed by two thirds of members present and voting at AGM.
  - b. In the event of the Group being dissolved all remaining monies held after all debts have been settled shall be passed to another Group on the Moor Pool Estate whose aims and objectives are concerned with the enhancement of the Estate's environment.
10. **Adoption of the Constitution:** By the members present on 27-08-13. Amendment to account signatories (5(b)) agreed by members present at the AGM 24-09-15.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_ 24-Sep-2015  
Mike Foster (Chair)

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Andrew Hackett (Treasurer)