

# Friends of Radford's Green Environment – “FoRGE”

## CONSTITUTION

### 1. Name

The name of the group is **Friends of Radford's Green Environment, “FoRGE”**.

### 2. Aims

The aims of FoRGE are:

- To promote, enhance and, where possible, improve and extend the green environment of Radford Semele for community enjoyment and safety, and to support wildlife. Areas include the village's parks, public walkways and land under development.
- To improve access to nearby green corridors such as the National Cycle Network (Route 41 Offchurch Greenway) & the Grand Union Canal.
- To address flood risk in the village by seeking advice on ways to prevent this, raising the issue with all planning agencies and seeking to influence a Flood Anticipation and Mitigation strategy
- To provide a community voice in shaping the development of the village as a green and safe environment in which to live.
- To enable residents to be better informed about the development of the village in relation to its (and their) green spaces.

### 3. Management and Members

The business of FoRGE is managed and administrated by a core team of no more than ten FoRGE members.

**Membership** of FoRGE is open to anyone who lives in the village of Radford Semele or the surrounding area who wishes to help the group in the pursuit of its aims. Membership can be registered online via the FoRGE website: <http://www.radfordforge.org>. There is at present no membership fee.

Members may cease their membership at any time by contacting the FoRGE management and admin team, either in person, via the website or email.

#### **4. Equal Opportunities**

FoRGE will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, marital status or age.

#### **5. Meetings**

There shall be at least six meetings a year of the core team. These meetings shall be open to any member of FoRGE, who may speak. The date, place and time of meeting shall be publicised via Facebook ([friendsofradfordsgreenenvironment](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofradfordsgreenenvironment/) / <https://goo.gl/TPdNbA>) and on the website.

##### **5.1. Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings**

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held and the date, venue and time publicised at least one month in advance via social media, FoRGE website and public notices in the village.

Special General Meetings will be arranged at the request of members.

All members will be given four weeks notice of the AGM and two weeks notice of an SGM, giving the venue, date, time and agenda, and notice may be by telephone, email or post.

#### **6. Rules of Procedure for meetings**

All questions that arise at any meeting will be discussed openly and the meeting will seek to find general agreement that everyone present can agree to.

If a consensus cannot be reached a vote will be taken and a decision will be made by a simple majority of members present.

## 8. Finances

FoRGE does not have a bank account, although it is envisaged that this may become helpful. Until such a time, any costs incurred in running FoRGE will be met by ad hoc donations.

## 9. Amendments to the Constitution

This constitution may be amended or altered at the AGM or at an SGM called specifically for that purpose. Proposed amendments should be circulated with notice of the meeting. A two thirds majority of those present is required to approve this.

## 10. Dissolution

FoRGE may be dissolved by a two thirds majority voting at an AGM or SGM.

This constitution was agreed by the following on:

Date ...../...../.....

Name .....Emma Nelson.....

Signed .....

Name .....Naomi Northey.....

Signed .....

Name .....Dave Steele.....

Signed .....

Name .....Judy Steele.....

Signed .....