Normandy Action Group Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, November 17th, 2026, at 8pm
Normandy Village Hall Upstairs Meeting Room

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions, and apologies
2. Minutes of 2025 AGM (draft attached) and Matters Arising
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Update from Normandy Parish Council and Guildford Borough/West Surrey District Councils (oral)
6. Responding to the challenges ahead: discussion
7. Approval of updated NAG Constitution (four documents attached)
8. Election of Steering Group members for 2026/7
9. AOB

Item 2: Draft Minutes of AGM 2025

Normandy Action Group (NAG) Annual General Meeting
12 November 2025 at 2000 in Normandy Village Hall: Draft Minutes

Present: Mike Aaronson (in the Chair), Paul Hart (NAG Treasurer), Les Asher, Roshan Bailey, Phelim Brady, Fiona Clarke-Hackston, Nod Clarke-Hackston, Richard Cunningham, Mike Dean, Adrian Gay, Ellie Gay, Nick Gough, Caroline Gower, Jenny Hughes, Mike Hughes, Christine King, Ollie Nevett, Nick Norton, Linda Peacock, Roger Shapley (part), Eileen Wicks.
Guests: Dr Al Pinkerton, MP; Councillor David Bilbé (part); Councillor Simon Schofield; Amanda Pick (Parish Clerk)
Apologies: Dina Ahmed, Martin Sweeting, Councillor Keith Witham.

1. Mike Aaronson, Chair of the NAG Steering Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He thanked Roshan Bailey, Chair of Trustees of Normandy Village Hall, for the Trustees' generosity in making the Hall available to NAG at no cost for this and other meetings during the year, and thanked the following guests for sparing the time to attend the meeting: Al Pinkerton, MP for Surrey Heath; David Bilbé Guildford Borough Councillor for Normandy and Pirbright; Simon Schofield, Acting Chair and Chair of the Planning Committee of Normandy Parish Council; and Amanda Pick, Normandy Parish Clerk.

2. The Chair had posted the draft Minutes of the 2024 AGM on the NAG website after that AGM, and again ahead of this meeting; they were duly approved. Under Matters Arising he reported that he had submitted grant applications to Normandy Parish Council (NPC) and Surrey County Council (SCC), and that NAG had gratefully received £150 from each to help with the ongoing costs of its online communications, both email and website.

3. The Chair spoke to his Annual Report, and apologised that he had only been able to post this on the website shortly in advance of the AGM, along with the meeting agenda and Treasurer's Report. The Report dealt with the impact of Government's changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (the NPPF), which had resulted in a doubling of the housing target set for Guildford Borough Council (GBC), and had introduced the new and contentious concept of 'Grey Belt', which represented a significant easing of Green Belt restrictions in favour of developers.

4. Predictably, these changes had led volume house builder Taylor Wimpey (TW) to resurrect its previously rejected plan to fill in the entire green space lying between Normandy and Flexford with up to 950 dwellings. This would amount to an urban-style development in a countryside setting, radically changing the size, look, and feel of the village. It constituted a major threat to the way of life in Normandy, and now dominated NAG's agenda. A further threat was posed by a proposal for 200 houses to be built in the Green Belt at Shortlands Farm, near the boundary with Ash; a previous application in 2017 for 300 homes on this site had been refused.

5. In response, NAG had stepped up its flow of email newsletters, had printed flyers alerting people to the threat and encouraging them to join its mailing list, and with the help of an army of volunteers, had distributed them to the whole village. As a result, numbers of

people on its list had more than doubled, from around 250 to over 550. NAG had issued a call for voluntary donations to meet its additional costs (see Treasurer's Report, below). It had also hosted three seminars in the Village Hall to explain the intricacies of the planning system, had convened a group of individuals with expertise in planning matters, which had generated a detailed response to the EIA Scoping Request that marked the first stage of TW's application, and had carried out a quick survey of its members in response to TW's 'emerging vision'. The latter showed overwhelming opposition to TW's plans; NAG had managed to publicise this as part of its ongoing contact with local written and broadcast media. NAG had also sought to engage with TW at the so-called 'consultation events' organised by the latter, although this had not been productive.

6. The Chair also gave an update on the Surrey Hills AONB (now National Landscape) review, which continued to advance – very slowly. The other major feature in the external environment was the reorganisation of local government in Surrey, which from April 2027 would see GBC disappear, along with the ten other district/borough councils in Surrey, and Surrey County Council. In future Normandy would fall under a new West Surrey Unitary Authority, with an obvious consequence that decision-making would be taken further away from the areas and the people affected by those decisions. This could have particularly serious implications regarding planning decisions.

7. Discussion centred on the potential impact of the TW proposals and the best way for the community to respond. Dr Pinkerton stressed the importance of engagement with the developer if the worst possible consequences of the development were to be avoided. He said he was very aware of the concerns of local – and neighbouring – residents, with regard especially to flooding risks, infrastructure gaps, traffic, road access upgrades, and the need for improved community facilities such as GP services. However, a number of those present who had taken part in the TW consultation events expressed their frustration, both at the shortage of detail about the scheme that would be proposed, and the apparent unwillingness of the TW representatives to listen sincerely to the concerns that were being raised. Given the scale of the TW proposal there was a strong argument for deferring consideration of it until it could be looked at in the round in the context of the Local Plan, which GBC was in the process of revising. Dr Pinkerton said he was happy to write to GBC to make that point.

8. Councillor Schofield explained how the Parish Council was responding to the prospective TW planning application. It needed to have solid evidence of what local residents thought about it now that there was more detail on the table from TW, and to this end was organising a survey of all households, the results of which would be fed back at a Village Meeting on Sunday, 30 November. He thanked Rachel and Richard Cunningham in particular for their help in organising the distribution of the questionnaires, which were also available online. As a Statutory Consultee, NPC had to consider the evidence objectively – taking specialist advice as appropriate – before deciding what position to take in response to any planning application. He also referred to the implications of local government reorganisation and the need for clarity about the role of parish or town councils in any future setup; a number of schemes to maintain local involvement were being trialled, but it was not clear how they might fit together. Finally, he reminded the meeting that although it had been focusing on the prospective TW application, the

Shortlands Farm one was likely to emerge even sooner, possibly by the end of November.

9. The Treasurer presented his report. Expenditure for the past year had totalled £319.52, which was significantly more than the previous year (£122.26), because of activities undertaken in response to the emergence of the TW threat. The additional expenditure had been mainly on flyer production and the increased cost of the NAG email platform given the significant increase in the number of subscribers. Income, which included the two grants from NPC and SCC referred to above, had also benefited from a generous response to our ad hoc call for donations, which had so far raised £926.02. Funds available for the coming year totalled £960.80, with planned and unavoidable expenditure at around £350, leaving around £600 available to support activities associated with the prospective major developments in Normandy. However, depending on the decisions made about how to use these funds, there would need to be a discussion about financing any additional short-term activities should they be necessary, as well as anticipated recurring costs for 2026/27. The options remained a combination of grant income, further member voluntary donations, or a move back to a formal subscription model.

10. The Chair explained that at its founding in 2006 NAG had given itself a constitution appropriate to its role as an unincorporated association, but that this had become redundant following, in 2017, the move to being an organisation operating mainly online and no longer asking its members for an annual subscription. However, it was generally considered desirable to have an up-to-date constitutional document, and a draft had been prepared and posted on the website shortly before this meeting. Because the provisions of the new constitution called for resolutions to be circulated 14 days in advance it was not possible to propose its adoption at this AGM, but comments were welcome either now or subsequently, and a formal resolution would follow in due course. Councillor Schofield requested that the document make clear that Parish Councillors were attending meetings not as members but *ex officio*, and the Chair undertook to make the necessary addition.

11. Under Any Other Business, Les Asher proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair for his leadership of NAG, which was warmly endorsed. The Chair also expressed his gratitude to the Steering Committee for their support throughout the year, as well as the volunteers who had distributed leaflets, and the members of the experts' group.

12. All members of the existing Steering Group had indicated their willingness to stand again. The meeting unanimously re-elected Mike Aaronson (Chair), Paul Hart (Treasurer), Dina Ahmed, Les Asher, Mike Dean, Nick Norton, and Martin Sweeting, to serve for a further year on the Group (under the new constitution this would be two years). The Chair said the Committee would welcome fresh blood and asked those present to spread the word. [After the meeting Nick Gough kindly agreed to be co-opted.]

13. The meeting closed at 2140.

Mike Aaronson (Chair of the Meeting)
14 November 2025

Item 3: Chair's Report

The Normandy Action Group (NAG) Annual General Meeting 17 November 2026
Chair's Report

Governance and Finance

1. At the 2025 AGM the following were re-elected as Steering Committee members: Mike Aaronson (Chair), Dina Ahmed, Les Asher, Mike Dean, Paul Hart (Treasurer), David Newell, Nick Norton, and Martin Sweeting. After the meeting Nick Gough kindly agreed to be co-opted A new Steering Committee will be elected at this meeting, and we have appealed for new members to complement the work of the existing team.

2. During the year, we have successfully sought voluntary financial contributions to meet the exceptional publicity costs of informing local residents about the various issues relating to proposed major housing developments in Normandy, and of demonstrating to the wider world the strength of opposition to them. These matters are covered in greater detail in the Treasurer's report.

External Context

3. The year has seen a spate of new laws and regulations regarding planning and housing delivery, designed to support the Government's aspiration to build 1.5 million new homes by the end of this Parliament. Not content with its 2024 revision of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Government consulted in the first half of the year over a further, more radical, revision, which was eventually published on 17 August. Part of what it was trying to achieve was to standardise the planning framework across the country and to allow less scope for individual variation arising from local decision-making. This followed the adoption on 18 December of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill, which, among other things, paved the way for a reduced role for planning committees of local authorities in planning decisions. This was spelt out in subsequent, more detailed, Planning Policy Guidance, which became effective on the 30th of October. It signals a significantly reduced role for elected local councillors, and an enhanced one for planning officers.

4. Meanwhile Guildford Borough Council (GBC) has been continuing to draw up a new Guildford Local Plan, in the context of a doubling of its housing target dating from the 2024 NPPF revisions. As part of this, it is obliged to consider which areas of Green Belt in the Borough might be deemed 'Grey Belt' as per the revised NPPF. A report drawn up by its consultants AECOM concluded that, taking into account the redefinition of 'Grey Belt' in the 2026 NPPF, over 96% of the so-called 'Assessment Areas' (AAs) could be considered 'Grey Belt', although the report also concludes: "*not all land identified as grey belt is, in practice, suitable for development*." Despite extensive warnings by countryside charities, residents' groups, and local MPs that the Government's approach is leading to the loss of valuable countryside, Government Ministers continue to claim that 'Grey Belt' targets 'poor-performing' areas of the Green Belt, and are unwilling to accept that the definition is not fit for purpose.

5. The impact of the 'Grey Belt' designation has already been felt locally, with the approval of an application to build 200 dwellings on land at Shortlands Farm, located in the Ash postal district but within the boundaries of Normandy and Pirbright. This was adjudicated by a planning inspector after the developer appealed against GBC's non-determination of the application within the statutory timeframe. Meanwhile, most, but not all, of the site on which Taylor Wimpey proposes to build up to 950 homes in Normandy is also classified as 'Grey Belt' in the study referred to above. However, it is worth noting that that study

also contains the statement: "*whilst development or release of a single AA in isolation would be unlikely to fundamentally undermine the purposes of the remaining Green Belt at the plan area scale, clusters of AAs could*." There is thus a significant gap between a parcel of land's being identified as 'Grey Belt' and its being adjudged suitable for development. We await the determination of the Taylor Wimpey application.

6. GBC itself only has a few more months of existence, before being subsumed into the new West Surrey District Council. Henceforth, Normandy will be part of the much larger Worplesdon Ward, represented by two councillors covering a considerably larger area than the previous Normandy and Pirbright Ward within GBC. Nor is there yet clarity as to whether West Surrey will have one planning committee, or several, and this must be seen in the context of the reduced role for councillors described above. Inevitably, planning decisions will be taken more remotely than is currently the case, and this raises concerns that it will be harder for residents to make their voices heard.

7. In other news, the process to extend the boundaries of the Surrey Hills National Landscape (formerly AONB) continues to take its ponderous course. The proposals were finally submitted by Natural England to the Secretary of State on 7 September; we now await a decision from Government. Granting the land National Landscape status does not mean development cannot take place on it, but it does mean that a different set of rules has to be observed.

Activities

8. Unsurprisingly, this has been the busiest year for NAG since the activity around the Local Plan in the middle of the last decade. In December last year, Taylor Wimpey (TW) finally launched their formal application 25/P/01725 for up to 950 homes on the land between Glaziers Lane and Westwood Lane, and the associated application 25/P/01726 for 'Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace' (SANG) further to the west, adjacent to Wyke Avenue. These were validated by GBC in February, and much of our activity has been in gathering the evidence to respond ourselves and to support local residents in their own responses. At the same time, we have supported objections to the Shortlands Farm application 25/P/01521, which was validated in November last year, but only appeared online in December.

9. In January we submitted a response to the Shortlands Farm application, which we followed up with letters to the Planning Inspector in June and September. We also attended as much as we could of the appeal hearings in September, which were conducted online. In February, we submitted a 36-page objection to the main TW application and in March one of 5 pages to the SANG proposal. When a revised application for both was lodged by the developer in July, we submitted further objections of 18 and 8 pages, respectively. These objections were informed by expert advice from members of our group with relevant technical expertise. We were extremely gratified with this feedback from a senior and very experienced planning adviser to a major charity who had seen our objections: "*I have never seen so much effort and knowledge by a residents group in all my time in Planning*."

10. In parallel with submitting technical responses to these planning applications, we also launched a campaign to show to the outside world the strength and depth of feeling in Normandy against these disproportionate, inappropriate, and opportunistic proposals, as we see them. On 18 February we organised a briefing meeting in a packed Village Hall at which we presented the reasons for objection to the TW proposals; we filmed the main part of the meeting and the video is available on YouTube here. With funds contributed by many of our followers, we were able to purchase banners, poster boards, and "Not for Sale" signboards, all of which are prominently displayed around the village and make it

very clear what people here think. We built a new online portal, normandy-says-no.com, which featured in all these publicity materials and which links through to our website. We also created a Facebook page, "Saving Normandy from the Developers"; the most successful of our posts there attracted over 50,000 views. We continued to be represented on Normandy Parish Council's Planning Development Working Group and to share ideas and expertise in responding to the various development proposals.

11. Since the 2025 AGM we have circulated to our followers 21 'Planning Matters' email newsletters, considerably in excess of anything sent in previous years. Our mailing list subscriber numbers now stand at over 650. All sign-ups, and the maintenance of our list, have continued to conform to the NAG Email and Data Protection Policy as required by the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

12. We have also written 3 articles for 'The Villager' magazine and we continue to use our website as a means of keeping our followers informed of local, regional, and national planning matters. The 14 substantive articles that we have published on it since the last AGM have attracted on average 1,236 'hits' each (the equivalent figure for last year was 1,335). In addition, we upload all our newsletters, and posts giving details of individual planning applications, which are also viewed many times.

13. In our newsletters we have attempted to highlight the most significant local planning applications and the wider policy issues they raise. We always encourage people to visit the website of Normandy Parish Council and in particular its Planning Committee, which considers all applications in Normandy. On our website we have a guide showing how to set up automatic notification from GBC of planning applications of one's own choice; it is not a complicated process.

Impact

14. We will only know the impact of the above activity when we see the results of the two TW applications. At this stage, therefore, we can only measure impact in terms of the addition of an extra 100 subscribers to our mailing list, with the resulting increased awareness within the community of the relevant planning issues that is generated by our newsletters and other activities.

15. We believe that we have made objections that are sound in planning terms, and take into account the latest iterations of the NPPF. We take comfort from the feedback received from experts in the field (see para 9, above), and the fact that around 800 people have voiced their objection to the TW proposals, but the proof of the pudding will be in the eating. Although the Shortlands Farm outcome was disappointing, by the time of the Appeal hearings GBC and the developer had reached agreement on virtually all outstanding issues, and any further opportunity to influence the outcome had therefore all but disappeared.

Wider Engagement

16. We have continued to engage with GBC planning officers, who have been unfailingly courteous and helpful within the confines of their professional obligations of impartiality and independence. They suffer, as do we all, from a notoriously unreliable online planning portal, which occasionally is out of action for extended periods of time (as it is now, as this report is being written!)

17. We have continued our membership of the Guildford Residents Association (GRA), paying a modest subscription of £15 per year. The meetings are always informative, and help to establish solidarity among residents' groups from across the Borough, helping to manage the potential clash between the interests of the urban and rural areas. In the former the priority is to preserve the character of the historic townscape. In the villages it is the protection of the Green Belt, but everyone shares the aim of preserving the special character of Guildford town and the surrounding countryside.

18. We also continue to engage with the now well-established Community Planning Alliance (CPA), and took part in their National Day of Action on 18 April.

Looking Ahead

19. One area where we need support is with upgrading our website, which sits on a very ancient platform. If anyone with the requisite web design skills would be willing to help us out on a pro bono basis, we would be very pleased to hear from them!

20. It is hard to know what the coming year holds, but it will not be dull! We shall continue to do our best to keep residents informed, and to equip them to make their views known in response to any eventual planning applications. Citizens who care about both the countryside and the sustainable development of affordable housing want to make their voices heard, and we aim to support them in showing that these two purposes do not have to be at odds with each other.

Acknowledgements

21. I would like to thank my fellow Steering Committee members for their support during the year, and also the many of our followers who have offered help in one way or another, especially those who have helped design and distribute our publicity materials, and those who have joined our 'Experts Group' to give advice on the technicalities of the planning system.

Mike Aaronson
15 November 2026

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

1. This is a summary on the finances of NAG for the year to 11/11/26.
2. The current available funds are £1,552.26. The cash movements over the last two years are as follows:

Total Funds Available as at 29/10/24:		***£54.30***
Income:		
Donations (net of platform fees)	£926.02	
Grant Income	£300.00	
Total Income Movements in year:		**£1,226.02**
Expenditure:		
2025 GRA Subscription	£(15.00)	
Mailing list management (MailChimp)	£(67.00)	
25/26 NAG Domain Renewal (123 Reg)	£(23.98)	
25/26 NAG Website Hosting Plan (Rochen)	£(85.68)	
TW Flyer Production and distribution	£(127.86)	
Total Expenditure movements in year:		**£(319.52)**
Total Funds Available as at 11/11/25:		***£960.80***
Income:		
Donations (net of platform fees)	£3,698.04	
Grant Income	£0.00	
Total Income Movements in year:		**£3,698.04**
Ongoing Expenditure:		
2025 GRA Subscription	£(15.00)	
Mailing list management (MailChimp)	£(218.79)	
25/26 NAG Domain Renewal (123 Reg)	£(25.18)	
25/26 NAG Website Hosting Plan (Rochen)	£(86.68)	
PO Box Creation	£(5.00)	
	£(350.65)	
Campaign Expenditure:		
Flyers and Planning Information Boards	£(260.10)	
Banners (x 6)	£(654.92)	
Not For Sale Boards (x 60)	£(1812.11)	
Website License	£(28.80)	
	£(2,755.93)	

Total Expenditure movements in year:	**£(3,106.58)**
Total Funds Available as at 11/11/26:	***£1,552.26***

3. These available funds are held as follows:

NAG Bank a/c		£1,558.81	
Cash		£5.77	
Cheque in transit		£ -	
NAG Crowdfunder a/c	£ -		
NAG PayPal a/c		£74.36	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents			£1,638.94
Less liabilities (reimbursal of expenses)			£(86.68)
Total Funds Available as at 11/11/26			***£1,552.26***

4. Following the release of the TW development planning application, NAG updated the community with relevant planning information and made the 'Normandy Says No!' campaign visible throughout the village. This was done through a variety of methods – increased frequency of Newsletters, website and social media articles, leaflets, banners, information and campaign boards.

   This could not have happened without the generosity of the whole community; the people who agreed to host a Normandy Says No! sign, who volunteered to deliver flyers or put up information boards or the 61 people who responded to our further call for donations.
   We cannot thank you enough for your help and support.

5. Considering the amount raised from community donations we did not require grants from either Surrey County Council or Normandy Parish Council in the last year.

6. NAG made a subscription to the Guildford Residents Association in 2026 (see Chairman's report). We made no other subscriptions, grants or donations since the last AGM.

7. The current estimate of recurring costs for the next year is approximately £350 (mailing list management c£225, website c£110, GRA subscription £15). These costs can be met from current available funds.

8. That will leave us with c£1,200 of remaining funds to cover any new communications required on the TW planning application.

9. Therefore, we have no requirement for donations or grant income for the following 12 months, nor do we propose to move to an alternative funding model in that time.

Paul Hart – Treasurer, Normandy Action Group

Item 7: Approval of updated NAG constitution

a) Document for approval

Constitution of The Normandy Action Group
Adopted 7 September 2006
Amended Version Proposed to AGM 17 November 2026

1. Name and Objectives

The "Normandy Action Group" is an unincorporated association (the Society) whose objectives are:

(a) to help preserve and enhance the environment and amenity value of the countryside in and around the area of Normandy by keeping local residents as informed as much as possible about local planning and environmental matters.

(b) to engage as necessary with local and national planning authorities regarding development policies and plans, in order to understand them and, where appropriate, seek to influence them.

2. Membership

Every adult resident of Normandy and the surrounding area, and any other person the Committee regards as having a sufficient interest in the objectives of the Society, is able to sign up independently to the electronic mailing list on the Society's website, or request to be added to it. A full address and postcode and email address are required. Those who subscribe in this way and accept the provisions of this Constitution are deemed to be the Members of the Society. Any Member or other subscriber may remove themselves from the list at any time.

3. Financial Contributions

Ahead of the Annual General Meeting, or at any other time it deems necessary, the Committee shall determine whether to seek voluntary financial contributions from its Members, and if so at what level. The Committee may also decide to seek funding from grant-giving organisations and public bodies.

4. Officers

The Society shall have a Chair and an Honorary Treasurer, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of two calendar years and be eligible for re-appointment at the end of their first or any subsequent term of office.

5. Committee

At each Annual General Meeting (AGM) the Society shall appoint a Steering Committee ('the Committee') consisting of (a) the Chair and the Honorary Treasurer and (b) up to eight other Members (each of whom shall be appointed for a term of two years and be eligible for re-appointment at the end of their first or any subsequent term of office). The Committee shall be responsible for the management of the Society's affairs. The Committee at any time may also decide to co-opt Members with particular expertise needed at that time.

6. AGM

The Society shall have an Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the last quarter of each year on a date and at a time and place determined by the Committee and notified to all members at least 21 days in advance. The Agenda for the AGM shall include reports by the Chair and the Honorary Treasurer of the Society, and the election of officers. No Resolution shall be debated at an AGM unless Members have been given 14 days written notice of such Resolution and the reason for its being proposed. Parish and District Councillors are invited to attend the AGM (and, if they wish, to subscribe to the mailing list) in an official, rather than a personal, capacity.

7. EGM

If the Committee decides to convene at the Society's expense, or 5 or more Members convene and organise at their expense, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Society, the EGM so convened shall take place at such time, date and place as the Committee shall have specified or approved and the provision of this Constitution as to notice of meetings and Resolutions shall apply to such EGM as if it were an AGM.

8. Proceedings at General Meetings

At any general meeting of the Society (AGM or EGM) the quorum shall be 10 Members (from separate households) and each Member present shall be entitled to one vote. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority, and voting shall be by a vote of hands, unless the Chair and the Secretary/Treasurer decide that a ballot is required. If the same number of votes is cast for and against a Resolution, the Chair shall have the casting vote.

9. Continuity

If at any AGM there is no quorum, any of the Chair, the Honorary Treasurer and the other members of the Committee whose term of office would end at the end of the year if not re-appointed shall be automatically re-appointed for a further year.

10. Finance

The Honorary Treasurer shall, without thereby incurring any personal liability (whether to Members of the Society or otherwise) manage the finances of the Society and to that end may (without obligation but at the Society's expense) arrange for the opening of bank accounts, the auditing of the Society's accounts and such other matters as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the Society's financial affairs. The Society shall have the calendar year as its financial year.

11. No Liability

No Member of the Society (including an Officer or Committee Member) shall be liable for any act or omission of the Society, its Officers, the Committee or any other Member; nor shall any Member of the Society, its Officers and the other members of the Committee, be liable for any act or omission of any Member of the Society or any other Officers of the Society or member of the Committee.

12. Powers of Members in General Meeting

At a general meeting (AGM or EGM) any provision of this Constitution may be amended and the appointment of any officer or Committee member may be terminated.

13. Dissolution of Society

The Society may be dissolved at any time by way of a Resolution to dissolve the Society being passed at a general meeting (AGM or EGM) in accordance with the procedures as defined in this constitution. Any funds held in the name of the Society at the time of dissolution shall be paid to a charitable organisation(s) as voted upon at the time of the dissolution, or by any other method decided upon by the Committee.

Normandy Action Group
November 2026

b) 2006 Constitution

NAG Constitution Adopted 2006

1. Name and Objectives

The “Normandy Action Group” is an unincorporated association (the Society) whose objectives are:

(a) to encourage social and neighbourly activities on the part of the residents (Residents) of Normandy parish and other members: and

(b) to preserve and enhance the environment and amenity value of the countryside in and around the area of Normandy

2. Membership

Every adult Resident and any other person the Committee regards as having a sufficient interest in the objectives of the Society may become a member of the Society. Any member may resign as a member by notifying the Chair of his or her wish to resign.

3. Subscriptions

During the last quarter of each year the Committee shall propose the level at which voluntary annual subscriptions shall be payable for the following year. Subscriptions will be due on the following 1st of January and although payment is voluntary Residents are expected to pay their subscription unless unable to do so.

4. Officers

The Society shall have a Chairman or Chairwoman (the Chair) and a Secretary/Treasurer each of whom shall be appointed for a term of two calendar years and be eligible for re-appointment at the end of his or her first or any subsequent term of office.

5. Committee

At its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) the Society shall appoint a committee (the Committee) consisting of (a) the Chair and the Secretary/Treasurer and (b) up to four other Members (each of whom shall be appointed for a term of two years and be eligible for re-

appointment at the end of his or her first or any subsequent term of office). The Committee shall be responsible for the management of the Society's affairs.

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8. Proceedings at General Meetings

At any general meeting of the Society (AGM or EGM) the quorum shall, subject to the last sentence of this section be 10 Members (from separate households) and each Member present shall be entitled one vote. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority and voting shall be by a vote of hands, unless the Chair and the Secretary/Treasurer decide that a ballot is required. If the same number of votes is cast for and against a resolution, the Chair shall have the casting vote. In relation to a general meeting (whether AGM or EGM) at which any of the provisions of this section are to be amended, the quorum shall be the lowest number of Members which is equal to or greater than 75% of the total number of Members.

9. Continuity

If at any AGM there is no quorum, any of the Chair, the Secretary/Treasurer and the other members of the Committee whose term of office would end at the end of the year if not re-appointed shall be automatically re-appointed for a further year.

10. Finance

The Secretary/Treasurer shall, without thereby incurring any personal liability (whether to Members of the Society or otherwise) manage the finances of the Society and to that end may (without obligation but at the Society's expense) arrange for the opening of bank accounts, the auditing of the Society's accounts and such other matters as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the Society's financial affairs. The Society shall have the calendar year as its financial year.

11. No Liability

No Member of the Society (whether an officer or Committee Member) shall be liable for any act or omission of the Society, its officers, the Committee or any other Member nor shall any member of the Society, its officers and the other members of the Committee be liable for any

act or omission of any Member of the Society or any other officers of the Society or member of the Committee.

12. Powers of Members in General Meeting

At a general meeting (AGM or EGM) any provision of this Constitution may be amended and the appointment of any officer or Committee member may be terminated.

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The Society may be dissolved at any time by way of a resolution to dissolve the Society being passed at a general meeting (AGM or EGM) in accordance with the procedures as defined in this constitution. Any funds held in the name of the Society at the time of dissolution shall be paid to a charitable organisation(s) as voted upon at the time of the dissolution.

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Constitution of The Normandy Action Group
Adopted 7 September 2006
Amended Version Proposed to AGM 17 November 2026

Showing changes (tracked) from 2006 document

1. Name and Objectives

The “Normandy Action Group” is an unincorporated association (the Society) whose objectives are:

~~(a) to encourage social and neighbourly activities on the part of the residents (Residents) of Normandy parish and other members: and~~

(a) ~~(b) to~~to help preserve and enhance the environment and amenity value of the countryside in and around the area of Normandy by keeping local residents as informed as much as possible about local planning and environmental matters.

(b) to engage as necessary with local and national planning authorities regarding development policies and plans, in order to understand them and, where appropriate, seek to influence them.

2. Membership

Every adult resident of Normandy and the surrounding area, and any other person the Committee regards as having a sufficient interest in the objectives of the Society ~~may become a member of the Society. Any member may resign as a member by notifying the Chair of his or her wish to resign.~~, is able to sign up independently to the electronic mailing list on the Society’s website, or request to be added to it. A full address and postcode and email address are required. Those who subscribe in this way and accept the provisions of this Constitution are deemed to be the Members of the Society. Any Member or other subscriber may remove themselves from the list at any time.

~~3. Subscriptions~~

~~During the last quarter of each year the Committee shall propose the level at which voluntary annual subscriptions shall be payable for the following year. Subscriptions will be due on the following 1st of January and although payment is voluntary Residents are expected to pay their subscription unless unable to do so.~~

3. Financial Contributions

Ahead of the Annual General Meeting, or at any other time it deems necessary, the Committee shall determine whether to seek voluntary financial contributions from its Members, and if so at what level. The Committee may also decide to seek funding from grant-giving organisations and public bodies.

4. Officers

The Society shall have a ~~Chairman or Chairwoman (the~~ Chair~~)~~ and ~~a Secretary/~~an Honorary Treasurer, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of two calendar years and be eligible for re-appointment at the end of ~~his or her~~their first or any subsequent term of office.

5. Committee

At ~~its first~~each Annual General Meeting (AGM) the Society shall appoint a ~~committee (the~~ Steering Committee (‘the Committee’) consisting of (a) the Chair and the ~~Secretary/~~Honorary Treasurer and (b) up to ~~four~~eight other Members (each of whom shall be appointed for a term of two years and be eligible for re-appointment at the end of ~~his or her~~their first or any subsequent term of office). The Committee shall be responsible for the management of the Society’s affairs. The Committee at any time may also decide to co-opt Members with particular expertise needed at that time.

6. AGM

The Society shall have an Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the ~~first~~last quarter of each year on a date and at a time and place determined by the Committee and notified to all members at least 21 days in advance. The Agenda for the AGM shall include reports by the Chair and the ~~Secretary/~~Honorary Treasurer of the Society, and the election of officers. No Resolution shall be debated at ~~a n~~an AGM unless Members have been given 14 days written notice of such Resolution and the reason for its being proposed. Parish and District Councillors are invited to attend the AGM (and, if they wish, to subscribe to the mailing list) in an official, rather than a personal, capacity.

7. EGM

If the Committee decides to convene at the Society’s expense, or 5 or more Members convene and organise at their expense, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Society, the EGM so convened shall take place at such time, date and place as the Committee shall have specified or approved and the provision of this Constitution as to notice of meetings and Resolutions shall apply to such EGM as if it were an AGM.

8. Proceedings at General Meetings

At any general meeting of the Society (AGM or EGM) the quorum shall~~, subject to the last sentence of this section~~ be 10 Members (from separate households) and each Member

present shall be entitled to one vote. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority, and voting shall be by a vote of hands, unless the Chair and the Secretary/Treasurer decide that a ballot is required. If the same number of votes is cast for and against a Resolution, the Chair shall have the casting vote. ~~In relation to a general meeting (whether AGM or EGM) at which any of the provisions of this section are to be amended, the quorum shall be the lowest number of Members which is equal to or greater than 75% of the total number of Members.~~

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The Society shall have a Chair and an Honorary Treasurer, each of whom shall be appointed for a term of two calendar years and be eligible for re-appointment at the end of ~~his or her~~their first or any subsequent term of office.

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~~Adopted by the AGM 12~~ Normandy Action Group
November ~~2025~~2026