HIGHBRIDGE COMMUNITY FARM [](http://groupspaces.com/HighbridgeFarmCommunityProject/)

Registered Office: 134 High Street, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 5LR

NOTICE OF MEETING

HIGHBRIDGE COMMUNITY FARM LIMITED (‘the Society’)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held, electronically, on-line, (pursuant to Rule 41 of the Society’s Rules), on Wednesday 23 April 2025 at 19:30 for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions, (in the case, in particular, of Resolution 3 below, in the event, only, that Resolution 2 below shall first have been passed unamended, but not further or otherwise):

RESOLUTIONS:

1. THAT the Society’s Accounts and Balance Sheet, and other (if any) financial statements, in respect of the Society’s most recently ended financial year, are accepted and approved.

2. THAT:

a. Given that, (as hitherto confirmed by its Board of Directors, in its report and recommendation, (‘the Board Report and Recommendation’), in their most recent meeting):

i. The Society currently satisfies the financial criteria set out in section 84(1), (‘s.84(1)’), of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, (‘the 2014 Act’), for being eligible to do so, and

ii. The Society is not excluded from being able to do so, under section 84(3) of the 2014 Act - (because:

(i) it is not, and has not been at any time during the Society’s most recently ended financial year, either a credit union, a subsidiary, or the holding or other parent body of any subsidiary, and

(ii) it does not hold, nor has it held at any time during the Society’s most recently ended financial year, any monetary deposit)

and

b. Pursuant, therefore, to

i. S.84(1)

ii. The dispensation dated 3 November 2016, (a copy of which is also annexed to this Notice), issued specifically to the Society, by the Financial Conduct Authority, for the purpose, and

iii. the Board Report and Recommendation,

the Society shall disapply both the requirements, one of which it would otherwise have, contained in s.83 of the 2014 Act:

i. to appoint one or more qualified auditors,

or alternatively, (depending on the scale of the Society’s financial operations),

ii. to appoint two or more persons who are not qualified auditors,

to audit the Society’s Accounts and Balance Sheet, and other (if any) financial statements, in respect of the Society’s most recently ended financial year

3. THAT no qualified auditor or other person shall be appointed to audit the Society’s Accounts and Balance Sheet and/or other financial statements (if any) in respect of the Society’s most recently ended financial year

4. THAT:

a. The following Directors of the Society:

i. Steve Grundy

ii. Kevin Cornmell

who, pursuant to Rule 62 of the Society’s Rules have, in writing, tendered their resignations and also put themselves forward for re-election, be re-elected, so as to serve, in the case of each such Director, in accordance with the Society’s Rules until next due for re-election, (or any earlier termination of office), and accordingly,

b. The Society’s Secretary be instructed to amend the Society’s register of Directors and other officers accordingly

DATED: 6 April 2025

By order of the Board

L. Sheil - Director & Secretary

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Highbridge Community Farm Limited

Registered as a Co-Operative Society in England

Registered Number: 4197

Good morning,

Thank you for your email.

I can confirm that the exemptions can be applied provided that the society meet the other requirements of the relevant audit exemptions in section 83 (1) – 83.(4) of the guidance.

**Kind regards**

**Shuriya Hussain**

Associate / Mutuals Team / Authorisations Division

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