

PROPOSED NEW CLUB RULES

Name

1. The Club shall be called the Gardening Club of Sandhurst and District.

Objects

2. The Object of the Club shall be to provide facilities for the cultivation and marketing of horticulture products between Members and for the encouragement of expertise in and knowledge of all matters concerned with horticulture for the social enjoyment of Members.

Ordinary members

3. The Club shall consist of not more than 500 ordinary members.

Committee

4. The Club shall be managed by a Committee of twelve Members to be elected by Annual General Meeting of members in each year, and subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise shall remain in office until their successors are elected at the Annual General Meeting next following their election.

Subscription

5. The annual calendar year's subscription for ordinary Members shall be decided by the Committee by the first day of November for the following year. Members will be given until the end of March to renew their membership. In the case of two or more members residing in the same house, the Committee may, at their discretion, make such reduction in the annual subscription as it may think fit.

Life Members

6. The Committee shall have the power to elect as honorary life members, without payment of any further subscription, any Member of not less than 15 years standing, who shall in the opinion of the Committee, have rendered services to the Club, and such election shall not take effect unless and until confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting.

Expulsion of members

7. The Committee shall have the power to expel any Member who shall offend against the Rules of the Club or whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Committee render that person unfit for membership of the Club. No Member whose membership has been terminated under this Rule or who owes money to the Club shall be introduced by any other Member as a visitor to any part of the Club premises.

Club Staff

8. The Club's volunteers shall be under the order of the Committee only, and no Member shall reprimand a Club volunteer. If a Member has any cause to complain, he shall bring the same before the Committee in writing.

Alteration of Rules

9. The Committee shall have the power to alter the Rules but no such alteration shall take effect until the same has been confirmed at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting convened for the purpose.

Byelaws

10. The Committee shall have the power to alter make bylaws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club providing the same are not inconsistent with these Rules. Such bylaws shall be posted in some conspicuous part of the Club premises and on the website and shall be binding on all Members.

General Meetings

11. A General Meeting of the Club shall be held in every year not later than the last day of February to transact the following business:
 - (a) To receive and, if approved, to adopt a statement of the Club's Accounts to the end of the preceding year.
 - (b) To consider and, if approved, sanction any newly-made alteration of the Rules.
 - (c) To appoint Members of the Committee.
 - (d) To appoint Auditors.
 - (e) To deal with any special matter which the Committee desire to bring before the Members and to receive suggestions from the Members for consideration by the Committee.

A Notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than twenty-eight days before the Meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

Members right to requisition a General Meeting

12. A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee and shall be convened within fourteen days from the receipt of a requisition, in writing, signed by not less than three Members specifying the object of the Meeting for any of the following purposes:
 - (a) To consider and, if approved, sanction any newly-made alteration to the Rules.
 - (b) To deal with any special matters which the committee may desire to place before the Members.
 - (c) To receive the resignation of the Committee or to remove any Member or Members thereof from office and to fill any vacancy or vacancies caused thereby.
 - (d) To deal with any special matters which Members requiring the Meeting may desire to place before the Club.

A Notice convening a Special General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than fourteen days before the Meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

Chairman of meeting

13. At Committee Meetings and at the Annual or Special General Meetings a Chairman shall be elected to preside and he/she shall have a casting or additional vote in the event of an equality of votes.

Quorum

14. At Committee Meetings five members shall form a quorum. At General Meetings fifteen members shall form a quorum.

Election of Chairman and officers

15. The Chairman and Treasurer and other principal officers of the Club shall be elected annually by the Committee and they shall respectively hold office until resignation, unless removed from office by Resolution of the Committee.

Trustees

16. There shall be up to four Trustees of the Club. The first Trustees shall be appointed by the Committee. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by Resolution of the Committee who may for any reason which may be deemed sufficient. The properties of the Club together with the stock of the Club Hut shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee shall from time to time direct by Resolution (of which an entry in the Minutes shall be conclusive evidence.). The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of Club property.