

Rules of the Tunbridge Wells Constitutional Club

1 Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 3PX

ALL PREVIOUS RULES RESCINDED

NAME AND OBJECTS

1 The Tunbridge Wells Constitutional Club, hereinafter referred to as "the Club" shall be situated at 1 Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 3PX or such other place as the majority of members shall determine.

Its objects shall be to carry on the business of a Club and, in so doing, to provide its members with such social amenities as are to be reasonably expected. It shall also seek to promote by all proper means the principles of Conservatism, and the implementation of the Conservative Party's policies.

The Club shall be affiliated to and inter-affiliated with, the Association of Conservative Clubs Limited, subject to the rules and regulations thereof.

MEMBERSHIP

Election

2 The election of members shall be vested solely in the Committee and shall be by ballot. Two votes against admission shall exclude a candidate.

3 Only members and supporters of The Conservative Party who are over 18 years of age shall be entitled to be eligible for membership.

4 Any two members of not less than six months standing may propose and second a candidate for membership and shall be able from personal knowledge to vouch for his or her fitness to be a member and both of them shall sign the nomination form, as shall the candidate who, by so doing, shall agree to abide by the Rules of the Club now, or hereafter, in force, in the event of their being elected a member.

No full time employee of the Club shall be eligible for membership for the duration of their full-time employment by the Club.

5 The name, address and occupation of each candidate, and the names of their proposer and seconder, shall be posted on the Club Notice Board at least seven days before the day on which his name is to be submitted to the Committee for election.

6 Any member who is of the opinion that any candidate so proposed would not be a desirable member, shall inform the Secretary who shall communicate the objection to the Committee.

7 The Committee may require the attendance of any proposer, seconder and their candidate to answer such questions as may be put to them.

If they do not appear before the Committee when required to do so, or send a satisfactory excuse for not doing so within four weeks, the candidate's election shall not be proceeded with.

8 No candidate shall be admitted to the privileges of membership, until they have paid their subscription and entrance fee which shall be determined by the Committee from time to time and have been formally elected a member by the Committee. No candidate for membership shall be admitted to the privileges of membership until two days shall have elapsed after election to membership.

Membership of the Club and the acceptance of these Rules by a member shall be deemed to constitute consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purpose of the Data Protection Act.

Special Classes of Membership

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(a) Honorary Members

The Committee shall have power to elect from time to time as honorary members, without entrance fee or subscription, persons of distinction or those who through the office or position that they hold, render valuable services to the Conservative cause or to the Club. Such Honorary members will continue to enjoy their Honorary-ship for so long as they continue to hold the office or position that the Honorary membership reflects. An interval of at least seven days shall elapse between their election and admission as members.

(b) Life Members

The Committee shall have power to elect as Life Members those who have rendered valuable services to the Club and been subscribing members for not less than 10 years and to terminate at any time the Life membership of any member so elected if, in their opinion, it is desirable in the interests of the Club.

Life Members shall be entitled to the full rights and privileges of membership without payment of any subscriptions.

(c) Visitors for Special Events

Members and officials of visiting teams invited to take part in organised games tournaments and other recreational activities organised by the Committee or members of recognised societies holding meetings at the Club may be admitted to the Club premises at the sole discretion of the Committee, and intoxicating liquor may be sold to them by and on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises. The names of such visitors must be recorded in the book provided for this purpose.

Persons so admitted shall be subject to the same rules as members, except that they shall not attend or vote at meetings, nor be supplied with intoxicating liquor for consumption off the premises.

Disqualification of Candidates

10 No rejected candidate shall again be proposed as a member until the expiration of twelve months from the date of such rejection.

No person shall have been expelled from this or any Conservative or Constitutional Club affiliated to or inter-affiliated with the Association of Conservative Clubs Limited, shall ever again be proposed as a candidate, or make use of the Club premises, except by consent of the Committee.

Resignation of Membership

11 Any member wishing to resign must send a written notice to the Secretary and shall thereupon cease to be a member.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

"12. The ordinary subscription shall be of such sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee except in the cases set out below who shall pay such lesser sum as may be similarly determined by the Committee,

- a) Members of 65 years and over who already pay such lesser sum
- b) Members of 65 years and over and who have completed a minimum of 10 years of continuous membership
- c) Members who have completed a minimum of 20 years continuous membership
- d) Members under the age of 25 years"

In all cases a sum of 5% of all annual subscriptions shall be paid over to the Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association.

The ordinary subscription shall be paid in advance on admission and subsequently will be become due on the first day of January each year and must be paid by the end of January. No member whose subscription has not been paid by the end of January shall be permitted to make use of the Club or take part in its affairs.

The Committee shall be empowered to determine the proportionate amount of the ordinary subscription which may be accepted from Joining Members applying for membership at specified dates during the year.

13 Any member who fails to renew their subscription by the due date set by the Committee shall cease to be a member and his/her name be removed from the register of members. He/she may rejoin within two months on payment of an administration fee to be determined by the Committee and the current subscription. Beyond that period he/she must submit themselves for re-election under Rule 4. In special cases and after written application the Committee shall have the power to waive this Rule.

14 A suspended member shall remain liable to pay his subscription.

15 Every member shall produce the receipt for his/her subscription or membership card whenever called upon to do so by any person authorised by the Committee to make such demand on the Club premises.

Change of address

16 Any member changing their address shall give notice to the Secretary in writing of such new address, and until such notice is given all communications and notices sent to their last address shall be deemed to have been served upon such member.

Inter-affiliated Ticket holder

17 Members of Clubs Inter-affiliated with the Association of Conservative Clubs Limited, subject to the Rules and Regulations of that Association, may on presentation of their Inter-Affiliation Ticket be admitted to the Club premises and intoxicating liquor may be supplied by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises.

Cessation of Membership

18 Membership shall terminate:

- (a) On resignation (Rule 11)
- (b) On non-payment of subscription (Rule 13)
- (c) On expulsion (Rule 31)
- (d) On death.

OFFICERS

19 The Officers of the Club shall consist of three Trustees who shall be elected according to Rule 25, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Chairman (who shall be Chairman of the Committee, in which capacity he or she shall have a second or casting vote), a Treasurer and a Secretary, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected and shall be elected annually by ballot at the Annual General Meeting and at the end of their term shall be eligible for re-election and a Vice-Chairman (who shall be elected according to Rule 28).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

20 There shall be eight Committee members, of whom, subject to there being no casual vacancy, four shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting, each to serve a term of two years.

At the end of each two-year term, each Committee member must retire, but is eligible to offer themselves for re-election for a further term.

If, at the Annual General Meeting there should be a casual vacancy which has not been dealt with under Rule 38, thus creating more than four Committee vacancies, then the candidate or candidates who have polled the highest number of votes below those already elected to the four regular vacancies, shall fill the casual vacancy or vacancies and shall serve on the Committee for the period that the member or members whose resignation, removal or death has created the said casual vacancy or vacancies would have served.

THE COMMITTEE

21 The Committee shall consist of the Officers and Committee members referred to in Rules 19 and 20. The Committee shall meet at least once a month. Five members shall form a quorum. The Committee or Sub-Committee concerned with the purchase of intoxicating liquor shall not include the Trustees who shall be excluded therefrom solely for this purpose.

22 If any member of the Committee shall be absent from three consecutive meetings, the Committee may require the Secretary to write to the member in question asking for a written explanation of their absence to be read at the next Committee meeting. If now written explanation is received, or if the majority of the Committee is not satisfied with the explanation given, then the Committee shall have the power to terminate the Committee membership of the member in question.

Any member or members of the Committee not being the whole of the Committee shall cease to be members thereof on resignation and such resignation shall be deemed to be effective upon receipt by the Secretary of written notification.

Any member of the Committee ceasing to be a member of the Club, or who is suspended from the privileges of membership, shall cease to be a member of the Committee.

Any vacancy so caused shall be filled as provided in Rule 38.

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- (1) The Officers and Committee members may receive such honorarium as the Committee or a General Meeting shall from time to time determine.
 - (2) Any Officer dealing with the moneys of the Club and/or the Steward shall give security as the Committee may from time to time determine and shall discharge their duties under the direction of the Committee.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman

24 The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents or the Chairman, shall preside at all meetings (other than Committee meetings) of the Club.

Trustees

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- (a) All the property of the Club whether real or personal shall be vested in the Trustees and shall be held by them upon trust for the Club and for furthering the objects of the Club as provided by Rule 1 of these Rules. In the event of the Club being dissolved all such property after payment of the outstanding obligations of the Club (if any) shall be held by the Trustees and shall be disposed of them in accordance with Rule 67.

The Trustees shall have power, subject the authorisation by the Committee, to mortgage or charge the premises and other property of the Club for the purposes of raising such moneys as may be required to carry on the Club for the benefit and convenience of its members.

Every Trustee shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Club from and against any liability costs damages claims and demands incurred or suffered by him arising out of and in connection with anything done by them bona fide as such Trustee of the Club or at the request of and in accordance with a Resolution of the Committee and the Trustees shall be authorised to charge the assets of the Club in their hands to satisfy any such liability. If the assets of the Club shall be insufficient for the purpose aforesaid then a special subscription shall be raised from and become payable by those persons who shall at the time indemnity is invoked be members of the Club who shall contribute thereto such amounts as shall be determined by Resolution of the Committee.

- (b) The Trustees shall be elected at a General or Special General Meeting by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote thereat, and shall remain in office during the pleasure of the Club.

For the purpose of giving effect to such election the Chairman is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he shall by Deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated at the General or Special Meeting as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustees Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment.

Any or all of the Trustees may be removed by a majority of three-fourths of the members present at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose in the following manner.

The Secretary shall summon the meeting:

- (a) at the direction of the Committee, or
- (b) upon a request forwarded to him/her by at least 30 members stating the objects of such meeting,

and he/she shall thereupon give fourteen days' notice thereof by circular sent by him/her to all members who have paid their current year's subscription, and to the Trustees, and by a notice posted in the Club premises.

In case of a vacancy caused by removal, resignation or death another Trustee shall be elected at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose in the manner as provided in Rule 46.

Treasurer

26 The Treasurer shall be responsible for seeing that all moneys whether received personally, the Secretary, or any other official, Steward or any other servant of the Club are duly paid into the Club's Bank at least once a week. He/she shall, at every regular meeting of the Committee (or more often is required) produce the paying-in book and bank statements for inspection showing that the foregoing duties have been carried out.

He/she shall cause to be prepared such accounts and such documents and other papers of the Club, not otherwise kept by the Secretary, in such manner and for such purpose as the Committee may direct.

Secretary

27 The Secretary shall on all occasions in the execution of his/her office act under the superintendence, control and direction of the Committee.

He/she shall receive moneys on account of the Club and pay the same to the Treasurer or direct to the Club's bank. He shall keep such accounts, documents and papers of the Club in such a manner and for such purposes as the Committee may direct.

He/she shall see that all debts of the Club are paid as directed by the Committee (except petty cash payments) by cheques signed by any two of the authorised signatories.

He/she shall summon and attend all meetings and take minutes of the proceedings.

He/she shall every year prepare or cause to be prepared the balance sheet and income and expenditure account and submit the same to the Auditor of the Club.

He/she shall keep upon the Club premises a register of the names and addresses of the Club members and a record of the latest payment of their subscription.

He/she shall ensure that the Club is registered with all the appropriate authorities required under the licensing laws which are currently in force.

He shall be responsible for the insurance of the Club against fire and burglary and in respect to liability for accidents occurring to the Club servants and for any purposes directed by the Committee.

He/she shall ensure that all servants of the Club are paid regularly each month and in so doing shall comply with the requirements of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue with regard to the deduction of income tax from wages or salaries of employees and with the requirements of the National Insurance Acts in respect to such employees.

He/she shall be supplied by the Committee with copies of the Rules and shall be bound to deliver a copy thereof to any member on demand.

He/she shall carry out such other duties as are reasonably incidental to his/her office.

AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

28 The Committee shall conduct the general business of the Club, regulate the internal management, have power to enforce Rules, and take such incidental decisions as may from time to time be necessary for the conduct of the Club in conformity with these Rules.

At the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting the Committee shall appoint a Vice-Chairman whose function shall be to deputise for the Chairman during the latter's temporary absence.

It may appoint sub-committees which may include a Political Sub-Committee which shall manage the several departments of the Club under the supervision of the Committee

The appointment and dismissal of the Steward and all other Club servants shall be vested solely in the Committee.

29 No resolution passed by the Committee shall be rescinded unless notice shall have been given at a previous meeting of the Committee of intention to propose such rescission.

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(a) The Committee shall have power to reprimand, suspend for a period not exceeding six months, or expel any member who shall infringe any Rule or whose conduct in or out of the Club premises shall, in their opinion, be prejudicial to the Conservative Cause, or to the character in interests of the Club. Any member guilty of conduct likely to endanger the welfare, unanimity or good order of the Club, or whose political opinions or actions are found to be inconsistent with the Rules may be expelled by the Committee.

(b) The Chairman or Secretary shall be empowered to order the immediate withdrawal of any member whose conduct on the Club premises is in conflict with the Rules of the Club, and who, after warning, persists therein. The matter must be reported to the Committee at a meeting which must be held within seven days of the committal of the alleged offence. Such member shall have no right of re-entry to the Club premises until summoned to appear before the Committee.

(c) In all cases other than as provided for in paragraph (b) of this Rule, any complaint or complaints against a member shall be considered by the Committee at their next regular meeting held in accordance with Rule 21, and the Committee shall be empowered to require the member concerned to withdraw from the facilities of membership upon receipt of the notice summoning him to appear before them until the date of the meeting to which they shall be summoned.

(d) If the Committee are of the opinion that the complaint or complaints do not warrant them summoning the member to appear before them, the member in question must be immediately notified to this effect and he shall be free to resume his rights as a member.

(e) If the Committee are of the opinion that the complaint or complaints against a member does warrant them summoning him or her to appear before them, at least seven clear days notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary to the member of their being so summoned, and the notice shall contain a statement detailing the complaint or complaints brought against him.

(f) No member shall be reprimanded, suspended or expelled without being first summoned before the Committee, and full opportunity being afforded him to defend themselves, nor unless a majority of at least two-thirds of the Committee then present vote for him or her being reprimanded, suspended or expelled. The Committee's decision shall be final.

Should the member fail to appear before the Committee having given no prior reasonable explanation for his failure their case can proceed and be dealt with by the Committee in their absence.

(g) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Rule the Committee shall not be obliged to summons a member to appear before them in respect of an offence of which he or she has already been convicted and sentenced by any court of law.

31 The Committee, or any officer or any Club employee authorised by them in writing, shall have power to give orders to tradesmen and others for goods and other things necessary for carrying out the purposes of the Club; but nothing in this Rule shall empower the Committee, or any officer or Club employee authorised by them to incur expenditure except such as is consistent with the purposes for which the Club is established.

No claim will be recognised or paid for any work done or for any goods supplied to the Club without an order from the Committee, or from any officer or Club employee authorised by them.

Members of the Club shall be entitled to contract with the Club for supply by them of goods and services, other than the audit of the Club's account, but shall not participate in any discussion or vote upon any motion relative thereto, either at a Committee Meeting or a General Meeting.

No member shall give any gratuity to any servant of the Club upon any pretext whatsoever.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

32 Every candidate for office shall be proposed and seconded by two members entitled to vote. Their current subscriptions must have been paid and he or she must have been a member for the previous twelve months.

33 Each member of the Club shall have one vote for each vacancy, and no member shall give more than one vote to any candidate.

34 At least three weeks prior to the day appointed for the commencement of the ballot a notice shall be posted on the Club Notice Board by the Secretary, inviting the nomination of candidates for the office of Committee member or Officer of the Club. The notice shall remain so posted for ten days.

35 The names of all candidates for office in the Club, together with the names of their proposers and seconders, shall be entered on a nomination sheet which shall be posted on the Club Notice Board seven clear days before the day appointed for the commencement of the ballot and shall remain so posted until the result of the ballot has been declared.

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(1) The Committee shall appoint three scrutineers to carry out the ballot under their direction and the result of the ballot shall be declared at the ensuing Annual General or Special General Meeting. No Officer or Committee member of the Club or candidate may be appointed a scrutineer.

- (2) In the case of a tie between two or more candidates, the names of such candidates shall be written on pieces of paper, which shall be placed in a receptacle, from which the Chairman of the meeting shall draw as many names as there are vacancies to be filled. The names thus drawn shall be declared duly elected.
- (3) If a member is elected for two offices, he shall choose which office he or she wishes to fill. The vacancy thus arising shall be filled by the unsuccessful candidate with the highest number of votes, but if there shall be no such candidate, the office shall be filled by the method prescribed in Rule 39.

37 The number of hours and dates during which the ballots shall remain open shall be determined by the Committee and a notice put up on the Club Notice Board to that effect.

Casual Vacancies

38 Any casual vacancies, except vacancies occasioned by removal under Rule 40, occurring amongst the Officers (other than Trustees), and Committee members shall be filled up by the Committee who shall appoint a person to fill the office. Any person so appointed shall retain his office so long as the vacating Officer or Committee member would have retained the same if no vacancy had occurred.

Resignation of the Committee

39 In the event of the whole Committee resigning at any time, the Secretary shall remain in office until such time as a Special General Meeting has taken place. He or she shall obtain nominations during the ten days following the resignations and a secret ballot shall be held within fourteen days of such resignation for the election of a new Committee.

The result of the ballot shall be declared at a Special General Meeting called by the Secretary within ten days of such resignation.

The time and notice required for nominations under Rule 35 and for Special General Meetings under Rule 46, shall not apply in this case.

Removal of Committee and Election of New Committee

40 The Committee, or any member or members thereof, may be removed by a majority of three-fourths of the members of the Club present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose in accordance with Rule 45(3).

Nominations for new Committee may be submitted with the request for a Special General Meeting in accordance with Rule 32 and, if the motion removing the existing Committee is successful, may be subsequently voted upon by secret ballot under the superintendence of the Senior Trustee.

APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF THE ACCOUNTANT

41 The members at the Annual general Meeting shall elect an Accountant who publicly carries out the business of an Auditor, to review the accounts of the Club for the ensuing year, but any General Meeting may recommend that for any period and in place of the review referred to above, the accounts of the Club shall be subject to a full audit.

The Accountant shall prepare the accounts and balance sheet and for these purposes shall have access to all books and accounts of the Club.

The Accountant shall review the accounts and form an opinion as to whether or not these are in accordance with the books and records of the Club and the information and explanations that has been obtained from the officers.

A report of the Accountant's opinion shall be given to members of the Club in the annual accounts.

A copy of the accounts and balance sheet for the year, with the report of the Accountant, shall be posted on the Club notice board at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

No member of the Club shall be the Club's Accountant.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting

42 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March on a day to be fixed by the Committee.

43 Notice of such Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the Club Notice Board for at least twenty-one clear days before the date appointed for the meeting.

Notice of any motion for inclusion in the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Secretary within ten days of the posting of the notice summoning the Meeting.

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the Club Notice Board for at least seven clear days before the date appointed for the meeting. No business other than that specified in the Agenda shall be transacted at the meeting.

A copy of the balance sheet and income and expenditure account for the year, with the report of the auditor, shall be posted on the Club Notice Board at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

44 At the Annual General Meeting a statement of affairs, the balance sheet, income and expenditure account and report of the auditor shall be presented, together with a report of the ballot for the Committee and Officers.

At the Annual General Meeting 30 members including the Officers and Committee shall form a quorum. If, within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to such day and such time as the members present may determine and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting the members present shall be a quorum. No want of a quorum after the presiding officer has opened the meeting shall make a meeting incompetent to transact business.

Special General Meetings

45 The Secretary shall summon Special General Meetings as follows:

- (1) In accordance with Rule 39
- (2) At the direction of the Committee.
- (3) Upon a request forwarded to the Secretary by at least 30 members stating the objects of such meeting, in accordance with Rule 40.

Meetings summoned under the provisions (2) and (3) above shall be held within not less than fourteen days and not more than twenty-one days from the date of receipt of the request by the Secretary.

46 Notice of any Special General Meeting, and of the object for which it is called, shall be posted on the Club Notice Board a clear fourteen days before the date appointed for such meeting (except in the case of a Special General Meeting called under Rules 39 and 40) and no other business except that for which the meeting has been convened shall be brought before a Special General Meeting.

47 At a Special General Meeting 30 members shall form a quorum. Rules governing the want of a quorum (44 above) shall also apply in this case. No want of quorum occurring after the Chairman has opened the meeting shall make a meeting incompetent to transact business.

Adjournment of Meetings

48 Any Annual General or Special General Meeting may be adjourned to such time as a majority shall decide, but no business other than that which could have been transacted at the original meeting shall be brought forward at such adjourned meeting.

Rescission of Resolutions

49 No resolution passed at an Annual General or Special General Meeting shall be rescinded unless notice of the intention to propose such rescission shall have been given to the Secretary at least twenty-one days before the date appointed for the subsequent Annual General or Special General Meeting.

Voting

50 At all General Meetings every member present shall have one vote on each resolution.

VISITORS

51 Every member shall be permitted to introduce friends as visitors; but the same visitor shall not be admitted more than once within a period of one calendar month, unless special consent be obtained from the Committee. The Committee reserves the right to refuse the admission of any visitor if in their opinion it is desirable in the interests of the Club. The Committee may suspend this rule at any time and for such period as they may think fit.

52 The names of the visitor and of the member by whom introduced shall be written in the Visitors' Book kept for that purpose.

53 Visitors who have been signed in shall be permitted to purchase drinks while on Club premises (see Rule 58).

54 No person who has been expelled, from this or any other Conservative or Constitutional Club affiliated to or inter-affiliated with the Association of Conservative Clubs Limited, or who, at the request of the Committee, has resigned their membership, or who, having been a candidate for election to membership, has been rejected, or who is indebted to the Club shall be admitted as a visitor.

MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS

55 No betting, drunkenness, bad language or disorderly conduct shall be permitted on the Club premises. Any infringement of this Rule will render the member offending liable to be dealt with by the Committee under Rule 30.

In the event of such misconduct the Steward shall have the authority, after consultation with the Chairman or Secretary if present, and after one verbal warning has been given to require the member or members in question to leave the premises forthwith. Such action must be reported to the Secretary by the Steward at the earliest opportunity so that action may be taken under Rule 30.

HOURS OF OPENING AND CLOSING PREMISES

56 The Club premises shall be open to the members during such hours as may be determined from time to time by the Committee and as which are approved by and have been notified to such appropriate authorities as are specified under the Licensing Acts then current. Such hours shall be exhibited on the Club Notice Board.

HOURS OF SUPPLY

57 The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicants shall be such as may from time to time be fixed by the Committee in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and as notified to and approved by the appropriate authorities specified in the above Act. Such hours shall be exhibited on the Club Notice Board.

Members, guests and inter-affiliated members are permitted twenty minutes to finish their drinks after the time shown on the notice at which last drinks have been served and a further ten minutes to vacate the premises. All members, guests and inter-affiliated members must have left the Club premises by thirty minutes after the time shown on the notice at which last drinks may be served.

EXCISABLE ARTICLES

58 No payment whatever shall be received from any person not being a member of the Club, guest or an inter-affiliated member. If any such person shall make such payment he shall forthwith be expelled from the Club premises.

Any Officer, Committee member or Steward shall make an immediate report to the Secretary of any breach or attempted breach of this regulation.

Intoxicating liquor required for consumption off the premises shall be supplied to members only whilst on the Club premises, and taken away by them from the premises during the registered hours of supply. Any member who contravenes or attempts to contravene this Rule shall be dealt with under Rule 30.

The purchase of the supply of excisable refreshments shall be controlled by the Committee as elected in accordance with Rules 21 and 22.

59 The proceeds of the supply of excisable refreshments shall be carried to the credit of the Club funds and no individual servant or other person shall derive any advantage from the supply thereof.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

60 Children (aged 13 and under) and Young Persons (aged 14 to 17) must be supervised by the member sponsoring them at all times.

Children may only use the rear bar or garden unless special dispensation is given by the Committee and must leave the premises by such times as the Committee shall determine.

No Child or Young Person may, under any circumstances, enter the designated area which contains the fruit machines.

It shall not be necessary for Children and Young Persons to be signed in as guests and their frequency of visits shall not be subject to the restrictions under Rule 51. A notice embodying the content of this Rule shall be posted on the Club Notice Board for the convenience of members' reference.

No person under 18 years of age shall be supplied or sold intoxicating liquor for consumption on or off the premises.

NOTICES, BOOKS and PAPERS

61 No bill, notice, placard or newspaper shall be posted or distributed in or about the Club premises without the permission of the Committee or such person as is authorised by them. No books, papers or pamphlets shall be admitted to the Club without the sanction of the Committee or the Secretary. No member shall, on any pretext take away, injure or destroy any newspaper, pamphlet, book or any article which is the property of the Club.

COMPLAINTS AND PETITIONS

62 Any complaint regarding the management of the Club by a member or members must be sent in writing to the Secretary who shall disclose the content at the next Committee meeting for the Committee to determine the validity or otherwise of the complaint.

Complaints against servants of the Club or in regard to domestic arrangements must likewise be addressed to the Secretary in writing and he/she shall submit the same for determination by the Committee. The conduct of a servant of the Club shall, in no instance, be made a matter of personal reprimand by anyone other than the Secretary of the Club.

Petitions by members for the consideration of the Committee may be presented in writing to the Secretary. No Officer of the Club or Committee member may sign the petition.

PAYMENT OF DEBTS FOR DAMAGE

63 All members must pay every expense that they incur before they leave the premises. Any member or guest damaging the furniture or other property of the Club shall make good the same to the satisfaction of the Committee.

REFRESHMENTS

64 If so provided in their Contracts of Employment, servants of the Club shall be entitled to provide lunchtime refreshment from Mondays to Saturdays at their own expense and from the same of which they shall derive any profit. At all other times the Committee or their appointees may provide refreshments to members of non-excisable items by such means and at such times as the Committee shall from time to time decide.

APPLICATION OF SURPLUS

65 Any surplus of the Club shall be applied in such manner as the Committee consider best in the interests of the Club, and in furtherance of the objects for which the Club is formed, provided that no surplus shall be distributed among the members.

Any surplus on dissolution of the Club shall be dealt with as provided in Rules 25 and 67.

AMENDMENT OF RULES

66 Any Rule of the Club not hereinafter declared to be fundamental may be rescinded or amended or any new Rule made by a resolution carried out by three-fourths of the votes given thereon at any Special General Meeting of which notice has been given specifying the intention to propose such a rescission, amendment or new Rule.

Rules 1, 3, 26, 61 and this Rule are hereby declared to be fundamental and shall not be rescinded or amended, except with the prior consent in writing of the Association of Conservative Clubs Limited and by a resolution carried by three-fourths of the votes given thereon at a Special General Meeting as provided in this Rule.

Propositions for amendments to Rules initiated by members must be submitted in writing to the Secretary and must be supported by at least 30 members who shall attach their signatures to such a submission. Upon confirmation by the Committee that the proposition is in accordance with these Rules, the Committee shall require the Secretary to summon a Special General Meeting to consider the proposition as specified in Rules 45 and 46.

Written notice of any new Rule or amendment of Rules must be given by the Secretary to the Chief of Police and to the Clerk to the local authority within 28 days of the adoption thereof.

DISSOLUTION

67 The Club may be dissolved by the consent of three-fourths of the membership present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, in strict accordance with Rule 46.

In the event of the Club being dissolved all property after payment of the outstanding obligations of the Club (if any) shall be held by the Trustees and shall be used for the furtherance of Conservative principles in such manner as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion determine.

DEFINITIONS

68 In these Rules, including this Rule, unless the subject matter or context are inconsistent therewith:

- (a) words importing the singular or plural shall include the plural or singular respectively,
- (b) unless the contrary intention appears, words denoting the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine.

EXHIBITION OF RULES

69 A copy of these Rules shall at all times be exhibited in a prominent place on the Club premises.

LAWS OF ENGLAND

70 Nothing in these Rules shall be construed or interpreted to contravene the Laws of England.

Revised Rules agreed by SGM March 2005

Amended wording of Rule 41 – SGM March 2011

Amended wording of Rule 60 – SGM March 2012

Amended wording of Rules 12 & 13 – SGM March 2015