

Rules
OF
**SHANKLIN
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CLUB**



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NAME AND OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

The **SHANKLIN Conservative and Unionist Club**, hereinafter referred to as "the Club" shall be situated at **6, Palmerston Road, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, PO37 6AU**. 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 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

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The election of members shall be vested solely in the Committee. A simple majority shall carry.

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Only Conservatives, not being under 18 years of age, shall be eligible for membership.

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Any two members of not less than twelve months standing may propose and second a candidate for membership and shall be able from personal knowledge to vouch for the candidate's respectability and fitness to be a member and both of them shall sign the nomination form, as shall the candidate, who, by so doing, shall pledge to support the Conservative Party and to abide by the Rules of the Club now, or hereafter, in force, in the event of being elected a member.

No paid employee of the Club shall be a member of the Club.

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

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

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The Committee may require the attendance of any proposer, seconder and their candidate to answer such questions as may be put to them. Should they not appear before the Committee if summoned to do so, or send an explanation which the Committee shall deem to be satisfactory for not doing so within four weeks, that application for election shall be rejected.

8

No candidate, other than a candidate elected under Rule 9 (a), shall be admitted to the privileges of membership, until he shall have:-

- (a) been formally elected a member by the Committee, and
- (b) been notified by the Club Manager of his election, and
- (c) paid his entrance fee and first years subscription.
- (d) In no circumstances shall a candidate be admitted to the privileges of membership until at least two days shall have elapsed between nomination and election to membership.

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

SPECIAL CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

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Honorary Members

(a)[1] 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 have rendered valuable services to the Conservative Cause or the Club including the Conservative Agent for this Constituency. An interval of at least two days shall elapse between their election and admission as members.

Life Members

(a)[2] The Committee has the authority to elect life members. The criteria for life membership is; Members who have completed 20 (twenty) years successive subscribing membership of the club, and are aged 75 years (seventy five) or over.

Life membership cannot exceed more than 10% of total club membership. Once the maximum 10% of life members is achieved, any applicants who meet the above criteria will be added to a waiting list and could receive life membership when a vacancy occurs.

Applications for life membership must be in writing and addressed to the Chair of the Committee.

The committee have the authority to terminate, at any time, the life membership of any elected member if, in their opinion, it is desirable in the interests of the club. Life members will be entitled to the full rights and privileges of membership without payment of any Club subscriptions. The association donation under Rule 12 is still payable.

DISQUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

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

No person who shall have been expelled from this or any other Conservative 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

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Any member wishing to resign must send a written notice to the Club Manager, together with the subscription due up to the date of its taking effect, and shall thereupon cease to be a member.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

12

The entrance fee and ordinary subscription shall be of such sum determined by the Members at a General Meeting and shall be inclusive of a donation to the Isle of Wight Constituency Conservative Association, determined by the management committee. Any member wishing to be a Full Member of The Conservative Party, may do so by paying the appropriate additional amount of subscription applicable in any one year. Subscriptions shall be paid in advance together with entrance fee and subsequently on the 1st January in each year. The rate of such ordinary subscription may only be altered in accordance with Rule 60 of these rules. In the event of any increase, members who have already paid their subscriptions for the current year shall be liable to pay the difference between old and new rates.

A surcharge will be applied to those members paying the subscriptions after the 31st January in each year.

Candidates whose applications are presented at the February Committee Meetings (or later), shall be required to pay the agreed subscription on a pro rata basis for that year plus the joining fee.

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A suspended member shall remain liable to pay the annual subscription.

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

NON-PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTION

15

If any member fails to pay his subscription within 1 month after the same has become due, he shall be considered in arrear, and notice of the default shall be sent to him by the Club Manager, and if the sum due be not paid within another fourteen days after such notice has been sent this person shall cease to be a member.

If however, the delay in payment can be accounted for to the satisfaction of the Committee, the Committee may at its discretion direct that any member shall be exempt from the above.

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Any member in arrear of subscription shall not be permitted to make use of the facilities of the Club or take part in its affairs.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Any member changing their address is required to give notice to the Club Manager in writing of the change within 28 (twenty-eight) days.

Until notice is given, all communications and notices will be sent to the last recorded address and deemed to be served upon the member.

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It is requested that members advise the Club Manager of any other change of contact details to include landline, mobile number or email address within 28 (twenty-eight) days of any such change.

All personal data will be treated under rule 64.

INTER-AFFILIATION TICKET HOLDERS

18

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 sold to them by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

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Membership shall terminate:

- (a) On resignation (rule 11).
- (b) On non-payment of subscription (Rule 15).
- (c) On expulsion (Rule 31).
- (d) On ceasing to be a supporter or subscribing member of The Conservative Party.

OFFICERS

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The Officers of the Club shall consist of three Trustees who shall be elected according to Rule 26, a President, a Chairman (who shall be Chairman of the Committee, in which capacity he shall have a second or casting vote), a Vice Chairman (who when acting as Chairman of the Committee shall have a second or casting vote), a Treasurer and a Club Manager. The Treasurer shall be elected annually by ballot at the annual general meeting and shall be eligible for re-election at the end of the term.

The Chairman and the Vice Chairman shall be elected by the Committee from the Committee Members at the first meeting of the Committee after the Annual General Meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

21

There shall be nine Committee Members who shall be elected by ballot to be held at the Annual General Meeting.

The senior three Committee Members in length of service from the date of the last election shall retire at each Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.

If two or more Committee Members have served for the same period those to retire shall be determined by the Chairman by lot.

THE COMMITTEE

22

The Committee shall consist of the Officers and Committee Members referred to in Rules 20 and 21.

The Committee concerned with the purchase for and supply of intoxication liquor on behalf of the members shall be as above with the exception of the Trustees who shall be excluded therefrom solely for this purpose.

The Committee shall meet at least once a month. Five members shall form a quorum.

The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, or in his absence a Chairman elected by the meeting shall preside.

Each member shall have one vote and in the event of equality of votes the presiding Officer shall have in addition to the one vote as a member of the Committee a second or casting vote.

23

Any member of the Committee being absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall, unless sending a written explanation which the Committee shall deem satisfactory, cease to be a Committee Member and shall also cease to be an Officer.

Any Committee Member or Members 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 Committee Member ceasing to be a member of the Club, or who is suspended from the privileges of membership shall cease to be an Officer and/or a Committee Member.

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

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(1) The Officers and Committee Members shall receive such honorarium, if any, as a General Meeting shall from time to time determine.

(2) Any Officer or Committee Member, and the Club Manager or any other employee dealing with the moneys of the Club shall give such security as the Committee may from time to time determine, and shall discharge their duties under the direction of the Committee.

Appointment of Club Manager

(3) In the event of a person being appointed Club Manager, a written Contract of Service shall be sufficient evidence of the appointment under this section and the terms thereof shall be substituted for all provisions in these Rules relating to the election, term of office, retirement and dismissal from office and similar matters relating to the Club Manager.

On vacating the position of Club Manager the Committee may at their discretion permit him to pay forthwith a subscription under Rule 12 whereupon he shall become an ordinary member without compliance with the usual formalities of election but he shall not be admitted to the privileges of membership until two days have elapsed from his so becoming a member.

Employee's

In the event of a person being employed by the club, such person shall not be an ordinary member of the Club, but the Committee shall have power to direct that he may be admitted to the Club premises and that intoxicating liquor may be supplied to him by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN

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The President or in this Officer's absence the Chairman, or in the absence of both the Vice Chairman shall preside at all meetings (other than Committee meetings) of the Club.

TRUSTEES

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(a) All the property whether real or personal shall be vested in the Trustees upon trust for the members for the time being and shall be applied and dealt with by the Trustees in accordance with the directions and wishes of the members as expressed in the Rules, and in accordance with such resolutions and directions as may from time to time be passed or given under the authority of the Rules.

The Trustees shall have power, subject to 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 all liability costs damages claims and demands incurred or suffered arising out of and in connection with anything done 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 such indemnity is invoked be the 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, 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 General Meeting as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such Deed of Appointment shall in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.

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 Club Manager shall summon the meeting:

(a) at the direction of the Committee, or

(b) upon a request forwarded to him signed by one-fifth of the members or 30 members whichever is the less stating the objects of such meeting, and the Club Manager shall thereupon give fourteen days' notice 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 39.

TREASURER

27

The Treasurer shall be responsible for directing that all moneys, whether received personally, by the Club Manager, or any other Official, or any other employee or agent of the Club, are duly paid into the Club's Bank at least once a week. The Treasurer shall also see that all debts of the Club are paid as directed by the Committee (except petty cash payments) by cheques signed by any there of the authorised signatories.

The Treasurer shall keep such accounts, documents and other papers of the Club, not otherwise kept by the Club Manager, in such manner and for such purposes as the Committee may direct.

CLUB MANAGER

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General Duties.

The Club Manager shall carry out the duties of his office, under the superintendence, control and direction of the Committee.

The duties of the Club Manager shall be:

To receive moneys on account of the Club and pay the same to the Treasurer or direct to the Club's Bank. The Club Manager shall keep such accounts, documents and papers of the Club in such manner and for such purposes as the Committee may direct.

To summon and attend all meetings and take minutes of the proceedings.

In every year prepare or cause to be prepared the balance sheet and income and expenditure account and submit the same to the Accountant of the Club.

To 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.

To ensure that the Club is registered under the provisions of the Licensing Acts

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To ensure that the Club Premises Certificate, or a Certified copy thereof, is kept at the Club Premises in the custody or under control of the person nominated for the purposes of Section 94(2) of the Licensing Act 2003. The nominated person shall be the Club Manager unless otherwise decided by the Committee and shall be identified in writing to the Licensing Authority. The Club Manager shall ensure that the summary of the Certificate issued by the Licensing Authority is prominently displayed on the Club premises.

To be responsible for the insurance of the Club against fire and burglary and in respect to liability for accidents occurring to the Club employees and for any other purposes directed by the Committee.

To comply with the requirements of H M Revenue and Customs with regard to the deduction of income tax from the wages or salaries of employees and with the requirements of the National Insurance Acts in respect to such employees.

To supply a copy of the rules to any member on demand on such payment as the Committee may from time to time determine.

To carry out such other duties as are reasonably incidental to the office of Club Manager.

AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

29

The Committee shall conduct the general business of the Club, regulate the internal management, have power to enforce Rules, and make such bye-laws as may 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 delegate to each of the local Branch of the Conservative Association and the Executive Council of the Isle of Wight Conservative Association.

It may appoint other Sub-Committees, which shall manage the several departments of the Club under the supervision of the Committee.

The appointment and dismissal of the Club Manager if appointed in accordance with Rule 24, the Assistant Manager and all other Club employees shall be vested solely in the Committee.

30

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

31

(1) (a) The Committee shall have power to reprimand, suspend from the facilities of membership for a period not exceeding one year, or expel from membership of the Club any member who, is adjudged guilty by the Committee of any infringement of the Rules or Bye-Laws or whose conduct in or out of the Club is in the opinion of the Committee, prejudicial to the Conservative Cause, or to the interests of the Club.

(b) The Chairman, Club Manager or Assistant Manager or in their absence, any member of the Committee, 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. The matter must be reported to the Committee at their next regular meeting. Such a member shall have no right of re-entry to the Club premises until a decision has been made by the Committee in respect of whether there is a complaint to warrant them summoning the member to appear before them.

(c) In all other cases any complaint or complaints against a member shall also be considered by the Committee at their next regular meeting, and the Committee shall be empowered to require the member concerned to withdraw from the facilities of membership until the date of the meeting to which the member shall be summoned under the terms of sub-paragraph (e).

(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 in the case of sub-paragraph (b) be free to resume all membership rights.

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

(f) No member shall be reprimanded, suspended from the facilities of membership or expelled from membership of the Club without being first summoned before the Committee, and full opportunity afforded to the member to make a defence against the allegations, nor unless a majority of at least two-thirds of the Committee then present vote for the member 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 failing to do so, the case can proceed and be dealt with by the Committee in the absence of the member.

Right of Appeal

(2) A Member who shall have been suspended or expelled by the Committee from membership shall in either case have the right of appeal against such decision provided such appeal is made by the member within 28 days of such suspension or expulsion in writing addressed to the Club Manager.

Any such appeal shall be decided by three arbitrators to be chosen for this purpose as is hereinafter mentioned and any decision made by such arbitrators shall be binding and conclusive on all parties without appeal, and application for the enforcement of such decision may be made to the High Court or County Court.

The Club shall have a panel of five arbitrators, not being persons directly or indirectly interested in the management of the Club, who shall be elected at a General Meeting of the Club and in the event of any dispute arising as aforesaid the three arbitrators to be chosen to decide the dispute shall be those persons whose names are drawn by lot from amongst the names of the five arbitrators aforesaid by the complaining party to the dispute or, if there is more than one such party, by that party whose name comes first in alphabetical order.

32

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEEMEN

33

Every candidate for office shall be proposed and seconded by two members entitled to vote. The candidate must have paid the current subscription and must have been a member for the previous two years, and be not less than 21 years of age. They shall not be an undischarged bankrupt nor have been convicted of any serious offence capable of punishment by imprisonment until he has become a Rehabilitated Person, under the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

34

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

35

At least three weeks prior to the day appointed for the Annual or Special General Meeting a notice shall be posted on the Club Notice Boards by the Club Manager, 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.

36

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 Annual or Special Meeting and shall remain so posted until the result of the ballot has been declared.

37

(1) The Committee shall appoint three scrutineers to carry out the ballot under their direction and the result of the ballot and the number of votes cast for each candidate shall be declared at the 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 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) In the event of being elected for two offices, the member shall choose which office 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 Meeting who shall elect by ballot a member to fill the office.

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 assume the office. Any person so appointed shall retain this office only until the next Annual General Meeting. Such appointment to a Committee vacancy shall be offered to candidates proposed for the Committee at the previous Annual General Meeting in descending order of votes cast until such appointment shall be accepted.

Resignation of the Committee

39

In the event of the whole Committee resigning at any time the Club Manager shall obtain nominations during the following seven days, and a ballot shall be held for the election of a new committee at a Special General Meeting called by the Club Manager within ten days of such resignation.

The time and notice required for nominations under Rule 36 and for Special General Meetings under Rule 46, shall not apply in this case.

40

The Committee, or any member or members thereof, may be removed from office by a vote of not less than three-fourths of the members of the Club present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

The election of a new Committee or any member or members thereof shall take place in the manner prescribed in the previous Rule upon resignation of the Committee.

Appointment and duties of the Accountant to carry out an Independent Financial review

41

The Members at the Annual General Meeting shall elect an Accountant (which expression shall include an accounting firm), who publicly carries on the business of an Accountant, to review the accounts of the Club for the ensuing year.

The Accountant shall prepare the accounts and balance sheet and for these purposes shall have access to all books, accounts and records 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 obtained from the Officers and Manager.

A report of the Accountant's opinion shall be given 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 Accountant.

GENERAL MEETINGS Annual General Meeting

42

The Annual General Meeting shall be held any time between March - May on a day to be fixed by the Committee.

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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 Club Manager 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 Accountant, shall be posted on the Club Notice Board at least ten days before the Annual General Meeting. Any questions should be addressed in writing to the Treasurer at least three days before the AGM.

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At the Annual General Meeting a statement of affairs, the balance sheet, income and expenditure account and report of the Accountant shall be presented.

At the Annual General Meeting thirty members 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 at such time as the members present may determine and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.

No want of a quorum occurring after the presiding Officer has opened the meeting shall make a meeting incompetent to transact business.

Special General Meetings

45

The Club Manager 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 Club Manager signed by one-fifth of the members or 30 members whichever is the less, stating the objects of such meeting, in accordance with Rule 46.

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 the receipt of the request by the Club Manager.

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.

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At a Special General Meeting one-fifth of the members, or 30 members whichever is the less, shall form a quorum. If within half an hour from the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to such day and at such time as the members present may determine. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

No want of a quorum occurring after the presiding Officer has opened the meeting shall make a meeting incompetent to transact business.

Adjournment of Meetings

48

Any Annual General Meeting 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 meetings.

Rescission of Resolutions

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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 Club Manager at least twenty-one days before the date appointed for the subsequent Annual General or Special General Meeting.

Voting

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

GUESTS and FUNCTIONS

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(a) Every member shall be permitted to introduce guests; no member shall introduce more than two guests at any one time, and the same guest shall not be admitted more than fourteen times within one calendar year, unless special consent be obtained from the Committee. Intoxicating liquor may be sold to the guests of members for consumption on the premises only.

The Committee reserves the right to refuse the admission of any guest if in their opinion it is desirable in the interest of the Club.

Any member introducing a guest to the Club is responsible for that guest's conduct whilst on the Club premises.

(b) Members of other Clubs invited to take part in organised games tournaments and other recreational activities, members, officials and supporters of Visitings Teams invited to participate in organised games tournaments and members of Conservative and Unionist Associations or branches thereof affiliated to the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations meeting for political or social purposes may, at the absolute discretion of the Committee, be admitted to the premises and notwithstanding Rule 58 intoxicating liquor may be sold to them by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises.

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.

(c) Children of fourteen years of age or more may be admitted to the Club premises during the hours fixed by or under Rule 57, always provided they are in the care and under the sole control of a bona fide parent or guardian.

(d) The Committee may suspend Rule 51 at any time and for such period as they may think fit.

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

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No person who has been expelled, from this or any other Conservative Club affiliated to or inter-affiliated with the Association of Conservative Clubs Limited, or who, at the request of the Committee, has resigned from membership, or who, having been a candidate for election, has been rejected, or who is indebted to the Club (See Rule 15) shall be admitted as a guest.

MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS

54

No betting, unlawful gaming, drunkenness, use of illegal drugs, bad language, disorderly conduct, physical violence, bullying, harassment, unlawful discrimination or deliberate damage to Club property shall be permitted on Club premises.

Any infringement of this Rule will render the member offending liable to be dealt with by the Committee under Rule 31.

It shall be the duty of any member of the Committee or member of the Club to report any of the offences in question to the Club Manager or in his absence, the Duty Manager. The Club Manager will report incidents to the Committee.

HOURS OF OPENING AND CLOSING PREMISES

55

The Club premises shall be open to the members during such hours as may be determined from time to time by the Committee.

HOURS OF SUPPLY

56

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor and for the qualifying activities to take place shall be at such times as the Committee may determine, subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Club Premises Certificate granted to the Club under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

EXCISABLE ARTICLES

57

No payment whatever shall be received from any person not being a member of the Club, or an Inter-Affiliated Member, or a person admitted in accordance with Rule 51 (b) or (c).

No person under 18 years of age shall be supplied or sold intoxicating liquor for consumption on or off the premises, and no person under the age of 18 years of age shall be entitled to play the Club's Gaming Machines.

Any Committee Member shall make an immediate report to the Club Manager 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 31

58

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

APPLICATION OF SURPLUS

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Any annual 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 held by the Trustees for furthering Conservative principles in such manner as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion determine

AMENDMENT OF RULES

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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 by three-fourths of the votes given thereon at any General Meeting of which notice has been given specifying the intention to propose such a rescission, amendment or new Rule.

Rules 1, 3, 26, 59, 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 General Meeting as provided in this Rule.

Propositions for amendments of Rules made by the members must be submitted in writing to the Committee one month prior to the date of such Meeting, and shall be posted on the Club Notice Board at least fourteen days before the Meeting. No proposition shall be taken into consideration unless supported by twenty members who shall attach their signatures to such notice.

Written notice of any new Rule or amendment of Rules must be given by the Club Manager to the Licensing Authority within 28 days of the adoption thereof.

DISSOLUTION

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The Club may be dissolved by the consent of three-fourths of the members present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

DEFINITIONS

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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,
- (c) "Intoxicating liquor" for the purpose of these Rules shall mean "alcohol", within the meaning of the Licensing Act 2003.
- (d) "Inter-Affiliation Ticket Holders" for the purpose of these Rules shall mean "Associates" within the meaning of section 67 of the Licensing Act 2003.

TEMPORARY MEMBERS

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The Committee (which shall be entitled to delegate this power to the Club Manager) shall have the power to introduce any person as a temporary member for any period not exceeding one month in any consecutive period of three months on payment of a minimum of 10p, subject to any such person being a Conservative.

A Period of at least 2 days shall elapse between introduction and admission to temporary membership.

Temporary members shall not be entitled to hold office.

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

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

The Club requires to hold personal data for the legitimate performance of its contract with Members. The Club will obtain written consent from Members to hold personal data. This consent will be sought on joining and at annual renewal of membership for the purpose of compliance with GDPR under the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Club will not share data with third parties unless separate written consent is sought.

BYE-LAWS**Members' Payment**

1. All members must pay every expense they incur in the Club before they leave the premises.

Complaints

2. All complaints or suggestions shall be made in writing to the Club Manager.
3. No games which are not permitted by law shall be played in the Club.

Conduct of Employees.

4. The conduct of an employee shall in no instance be made a matter of personal reprimand by anyone other than the Club Manager.

All complaints against employees, or in regard to domestic arrangements of the Club shall by anyone other than the Club Manager be addressed to him in writing and he shall submit the same for determination by the Committee.

5. No member shall give any money or gratuity to the employees of the Club, upon any pretence whatever.

Bills, notices etc.

6. No bill, notice, placard, or newspaper, shall be posted or distributed on or about the Club premises without the permission of the Committee or some person authorised by them.

Petitions

7. No Committee Member or Officer of the Club shall sign any petition or document on behalf of the Club, relating to matters not immediately connected with the management of the Club, without the express sanction of the Committee.

Damage to Property

8. Any person damaging the furniture or other property of the Club shall make good the same to the satisfaction of the Committee.

9. No member shall on any pretence take away, injure or destroy any newspaper, pamphlet, book or article the property of the Club.

Dress

10. All members and their guests whilst on the Club premises shall maintain such suitable standard of dress as the Committee in their absolute discretion shall determine.

Cashing of Members' Cheques

11. Any Officer or paid employee or any other agent authorised by the Committee shall be empowered to cash cheques up to the limit of 50 pounds on production of a valid cheque guarantee card presented by a member only in any one week but in the event of default by any such member the facility shall thereafter be withdrawn from him unless the sum concerned shall be forthwith repaid to the Club and in any event he shall be liable to be dealt with in accordance with Rule 31.

Disclaimer for Personal Injury Loss or Damage to Property

12. The Club accepts no responsibility for injury loss or damage to persons or property however sustained on the Club premises.

Dogs

13. No dogs shall be allowed on the Club premises except at the discretion of the Committee.

Alteration of Bye-Laws

14. The Committee may at any time add or alter the Bye-Laws.

Exhibition of Rules and Bye-Laws

15. A copy of these Rules and Bye-Laws shall at all times be exhibited in a prominent position on the Club premises.

Inter-Affiliation Ticket Holders

16. Inter-Affiliation ticket holder's resident within ten miles of the Club shall be entitled to use the facilities of the Club not more than once in any calendar month, or at the discretion of the Committee.

Regency Suite

17. No beverages purchased in the Club lounge may be taken upstairs to the Regency Suite.

18. The use of Mobile Phones for Texting and Internet are permitted on Club premises. Making or receiving calls, playing loud videos or music is not permitted. Should members wish to make or answer calls, it is politely requested that they use the lobby of the Club.

The Regency Suite

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