

2020 Revision. Prepared by M. Brown

1. TITLE

The title of the club shall be "Shenley Church End Cricket Club," hereinafter called "The Club".

2. CLUB COLOURS

The Club colours are Royal Blue and Gold.

3. OBJECTIVE

The Objectives of The Club shall be:

- To encourage the playing and enjoyment of cricket, in accordance with the Laws of Cricket and in the best traditions of sportsmanship.
- To encourage all members to participate fully in the activities of The Club.
- To ensure that all members, playing and non-playing, abide by the ECB Code of Conduct which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB

The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. Subscription rates will be decided at the Annual General Meeting and these then become due.

A person shall be a full member of The Club if they have paid their annual subscription.

For insurance purposes, temporary membership is granted to anyone who accepts an invitation from an existing member to attend nets or to play. Upon completion of two games, temporary members are expected to become full members by paying subscription fees in the normal way.

Unless the exception above applies, no person shall be eligible to take part in the business of The Club or be eligible for selection for The Club teams, unless the appropriate full membership subscription has been paid or membership has been agreed by the Committee.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the Club Constitution and by joining The Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and any Codes of Conduct that The Club has adopted.

5. THE COMMITTEE / SUB-COMMITTEE

The Club Committee shall consist of the "Officers" of The Club and shall have a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixture Secretary, and all Team Captains and Vice Captains and Honorary Officers.

In addition, The Committee shall have the power to co-opt extra committee members as un-elected Officers and appoint Sub-Committees as necessary.

In the course of club business, votes at any Club meeting shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present to vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman will have the casting vote.

6. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

The Officers of The Club shall be elected annually at an Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nominations for Office, seconded and accompanied by the consent of the Nominee, shall be lodged with the Secretary before the date of the AGM, or in the event of no such nominations being received, shall be accepted from the floor during the AGM.

In the event of no nomination for a particular Office being received at all, The Committee may appoint someone at their discretion at any time during the year following the AGM at which the Office was unfilled. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any Office other than at the AGM, The Committee shall have the authority to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.

All Officers shall be elected for a period of one year, but shall be eligible for re-election to the same Office or to another Office the following year.

7. MEETINGS

The AGM shall be held in the month of October or November. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to members by the Secretary at least 21 days before the agreed date and by circulating a copy of the Agenda. The AGM shall consider the following:

- Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- Audited Statement of Accounts from the Treasurer
- Reports from outgoing Officers
- Election of Officers
- Membership fee and incidental charges (match fees, tea money etc)
- Competitions to be entered
- Any other business, as notified in the agenda for the AGM, which will be promulgated by the Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting.

The Committee shall meet at least four times per year. A Committee Meeting shall be quorate if five or more Officers are present, and should include at least one out of the Chairman or Secretary.

No less than 20% of the Club Members may call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) by giving notice to the Secretary of the motion(s) to be discussed at least fourteen days before the date of the EGM. Such EGMs may only consider the motion(s) proposed and voting will be restricted to Club Members.

Minutes of AGMs, EGMs and Committee meetings will be recorded by the Secretary and will be made available on request to any Club Member.

8. FINANCES

The Club's financial year shall run from the 1st November to 31st October. In furtherance of the Objectives of The Club, the Committee may approve expenditure from Club funds, up to the limit of monies available at the time the decision is taken.

Club cheques must be signed by any two from three nominated Officers, who will generally be the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary, or any other Member the Committee elects at any time.

The Treasurer shall keep auditable accounts and give a financial statement to all Committee meetings. Club accounts shall be made available on request to any Member.

The property and funds of the club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits shall be reinvested in the club. In the event that The Club ceases to exist, any financial balances in The Club's favour, after all creditors have been paid, shall be disbursed to a cricketing charity and no members will benefit.

9. MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Club shall be affiliated to, or have membership in, any other Club, Group, Organisation or Body, where the Members of The Club decide at an AGM or EGM that such membership is in the interests of The Club.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Motions for alteration of the Constitution must be proposed by at least three Club Members and received in writing by the Secretary. Such motions would be discussed at a subsequent AGM or EGM.

11. SPECIAL POWERS

The Committee shall have the power to take such action as may be considered necessary in any circumstances not covered by the Constitution. Such action is to be reported to the next Committee meeting for ratification, (if necessary,) or, if the Chairman thinks it appropriate, to a specially convened Committee meeting.