

1 The Name of the Club will be

Beeston Parish Social Club, hereafter called the Club.

2 Purpose of the Club

The objects of the Club are:

- To provide a meeting place for the people of the Parish of Beeston and such societies or groups which are affiliated to the club, being listed in the bye-laws of the club.
- The provision of opportunities for the recreation, social intercourse and refreshment for the benefit of its members.

3 Interpretation of the rules

The interpretation of these rules shall be bound by:

- In matters relating to the Law of Statute: to the decision of the Courts.
- In matters not relating to the Law of Statute, to the Oxford English Dictionary, and Ashton's 500 points of Law.

4 Membership

a) Any person of 18 years or over who is on the Electoral Roll of the Parish of Beeston may become a member of the club.

b) Persons who cannot be on the Electoral Roll may still become members, but the number of such persons shall not exceed 20% of the total membership.

c) Candidates may be called upon to satisfy the committee as to their suitability, and the Committee reserve the right to refuse acceptance without being compelled to give a reason.

d) i) Nomination will be made by application to the Secretary.

ii) Each nomination shall be proposed by a fully paid up member of the club and seconded by a fully paid up member.

iii) At least 48 hours shall elapse between nomination and election to membership.

iv) At the time of nomination one year's subscription will be deposited with the secretary. This will be returned in the event of non-election.

v) Nominees may be required for interview by the Committee there to.

f) The Committee may make Honorary members.

g) The Committee may make any person who in its opinion qualify for such recognition to life membership and subject to any other provision as may be shown in the bye-laws of the club.

h) i) The general Committee shall have power to appoint temporary members on such terms as it shall think fit for any period not exceeding 48 hours. Persons who are members of the club so long as they have a recognised connection with the activities of the club or church. Temporary members shall not be eligible for appointment or election to the general Committee or be entitled to attend or vote at any general meeting of the club. No temporary member may introduce a guest.

ii) At least 48 hours shall elapse between application for temporary membership and any attendance.

iii) A subscription of 10p is to be paid by each temporary member.

iv) The Committee reserve the right to refuse application by any such proposed temporary member without being compelled to give a reason.

l) In these rules relating to the election membership, or application for temporary membership, the committee may alter, vary or delete without recourse to a general meeting, if such alteration, variation or deletion is one which is required by law.

5 Hours of opening

The club may be open as follows ;

Monday to Thursday (incl) and Sunday 9.00am to 10. 30pm

Friday and Saturday 9.00am to 11.00pm

The following will be the hours for the supply of intoxicating liquors.

Monday to Thursday and Sunday

12.00 am to 5.00pm and 7.00 pm to 10.30 pm (if required)

Friday and Saturday

12.00am to 5.30pm and 7.30 pm to 11.00pm (if required)

6 The Committee

a) The control of the club shall be in the hands of the Committee, duly elected by the members and it will be the duty to exercise control of the club, for the benefit of all members, to the members moral, spiritual and physical welfare and ensure the good behaviour of all persons attending or visiting the club, in accordance with the rules and constitution of the club and the law of the land.

b) The committee shall consist of the principal officers of the club and nine other members, and shall have the power to determine all questions relating to the club. The committee will serve for twelve months from the date of election and at the end of that time their office will cease and all may seek re- election.

c) The principal officers of the club will be; Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and such vice, officers as may be required.

d) In the case of secretary this position may be held in conjunction with the position of treasurer in which case the office will be the financial Secretary.

e) These officers elected in accordance with rule 6(b) shall be ex-officio members of all committees and sub- committees subsequently formed.

f) The Vicar plus three members of the Beeston P.C.C will be ex- official members of the committee.

g) The committee shall have the power to vary, alter or suspend any rule of the club. Any such variation, alteration ,alteration or suspension must however be placed before the full membership at the next ensuing General meeting for ratification or rejection.

h) The Committee will be responsible for the purchase and supply of intoxicating liquor.

i) The committee will meet at regular intervals, not less than once per month A quorum will consist of 50% of the committee.

j) Any member may resign from the committee on giving 30 days notice in writing to the secretary.

k) The committee may co-opt members to fill any vacancy caused by rule 60j above.

7 Election of officers and members of the committee

a) Only members who are on the electoral role of the Parish of Beeston will be eligible to serve on the committee in any capacity.

b) Only fully paid up members shall be allowed to vote.

c) The election will be held within the concept of one member one vote.

d) Election of officers and committee will take place at the Annual General Meeting and the result of the elections declared on the official notice board at the club. This written notice is to remain there for twelve months.

e) The nomination sheet will be displayed for ten days for persons seeking election to append their names and to indicate the offices sought. Such nominations to be proposed and seconded by fully paid up members. No nominations to be made without the nominees consent.

f) The nomination sheet will be removed and the nominations closed seven days prior to the election to enable ballot papers to be prepared.

g) The election will be by secret ballot and it will be the duty of the secretary to provide ballot papers to enable every member to do so, to vote.

h) If more than one candidate each is nominated as officers, the election of officers will take place first, but if only one candidate is nominated for each post, no election is necessary.

- i) The election of nine committee members will then take place. If only nine candidates are nominated, no election is necessary.
- j) A sealed ballot box will be provided.
- k) A register will be kept of all persons to whom ballot papers were issued
- l) The Secretary will on the result of the ballot being known announce:
 - (i) The number of ballot papers issued.
 - (ii) Number of votes cast
 - (iii) Number of papers spoiled
 - (iv) Number of votes each candidate received.
- m) The Committee will be formed from these candidates who receive most votes.
- n) In the event of a tie the chairman will have the casting vote.
- o) This subsection will also apply to matters at committee.
- p) Scrutineers will be elected at the General Meeting for this election.
- q) The Chairman shall be presiding officer at the election.
- r) Each such action will be publicly announced to the members present prior to such action.

8 Subscriptions

- a) The subscriptions of the membership will be a sum decided by the committee and the amount will form part of the bye-laws of the club, and will be for one year.
- b) In the event of a member being one month in arrears he will cease to be a member of the club.
- c) A member may resign on giving notice to the Secretary.

9 Bar Staff

- a) The committee will be responsible for the appointment of bar staff.

10 General Meeting

- a) A general meeting of the membership will be held once per year, February or March.
- b) Accounts will be presented at this meeting, the accounts having been audited by any person not on the committee, but appointed by the Committee.
- c) Any other business will be discussed if the nature of it has been communicated to the Secretary prior to the meeting.
- d) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened if 10% of the membership require it. The reason for the meeting must be given in writing to the Secretary with the members names. Fourteen days notice of a General Meeting must be given on the official notice board.

11 Profits of the Club

- a) No member shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the club or any member thereof any commission, percentage or similar payment, on or with reference to, the purchase of intoxicating liquor, or any other merchandise of the club. Nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of merchandise by or on behalf of the club to members or guests, apart from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the club.
- b) No money or property of the club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the club as a whole or for some charitable or benevolent purpose, or purpose chosen by resolution of the Committee. The distribution of any profits will be decided by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

12 Guests

- a) Any member shall be entitled to introduce two bona-fide guests to the club at anyone time, provided that no person whose application for membership has been rejected or who has been expelled is introduced as a guest. The member introducing the guest shall enter the name and address of the guest together with his own name in the book kept for this purpose at the club. Guests will not be permitted to purchase intoxicating liquor in the club

13 Visitors

- a) Members of visiting sports teams taking part in matches against the Church may be invited to the Club, subject to the Committee's approval.

c) Members of a Society or body which is affiliated to the Club may use the Club, but the Committee reserve the right to restrict, refuse or limit the admission of such non members and to limit their admission to times and parts of the premises as they think fit in the interests of the Club.

14 Duties of the Secretary

The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows, and in addition to those prescribed in previous rules:

- a) He/She shall keep minutes of all meetings and a register of all members' names and addresses. He/She will keep a record of all subscriptions which will be kept up to date. The register will be kept on the premises at all times.
- b) He/She will perform all other duties usual to the office of Secretary.
- c) He/She may also hold the office of Treasurer in which case he/she will be known as Financial Secretary.
- d) The Banking account will be in the name of the club.
- e) Cheques will be signed by two out of three members of the Committee appointed by the Committee for this purpose.
- f) The Treasurer will :
- g) Be responsible for all monies collected by any person on behalf of the club.
- h) Prepare a statement of accounts and expenditures together with a balance sheet. These documents will be audited by some person other than a Committee member. Such a person will be appointed by the Committee. As soon as practicable after preparation and audit he will supply each fully paid up member with a copy at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

15 Notice Board

- a) There will be displayed in the Club a notice board for all to see. All notices required by these rules will be displayed there.
- b) No person will place, remove or alter, or deface any notice there displayed without the consent of the Committee.

16 Conduct of Members

- a) Betting and gambling is prohibited on Club premises with the exception of those allowed by law (dominoes for minimal stakes etc.)
- b) The use of bad language is prohibited as in any indecent show, or any conduct which is likely to offend any normal decent member.
- c) No wilful damage will be done to Club property.
- d) All members will conduct themselves in a fit and proper manner at all times whilst on or within the precincts of the club.
- e) The Secretary or Committee member on duty are instructed to report to the Committee any breach of these rules.
- f) The Committee reserve the right to ask any offending member or visitor to leave the Club and if necessary eject the offender with any reasonable force as may be necessary.
- g) The Committee have the right to censure, fine, reprimand or expel any member for any breach of the rules.
- h) A member expelled has right of appeal to the Parochial Church council, but the Club may have a representative at such an appeal.

17 Bye Laws

- a) The Committee shall have the power to make such bye laws as they may wish for the day to day running of the club, without recourse to a General Meeting. Such bye laws shall be confined to the following matters;
 - Amount of subscriptions.
 - Playing of games and the conduct of such games.
 - Such other matters which relate to the good management of the club and the comfort of its members.
 - The running of the Committee, in respect of quorums and decisions as to majority of members present at meetings and the like.

- b) The Committee may also revoke, alter or vary any such bye law without recourse to a General Meeting.
- c) Nothing in the foregoing shall be taken to be in contradiction of any other rule.

18 Special Powers

- a) The Committee may appoint sub-committees for the assistance of the main Committee in the execution of its duties. Such sub-committees may only report to the main committee and not take any decision binding on the club.
- b) Sub-committees may co-opt helpers for the purpose of giving assistance on the performances of certain duties. The names of the persons on sub-committees and helpers will be displayed on the notice board.
- c) Any alterations to rules must be notified to the Authorities as prescribed by law.
- d) In the case of any objections to the bye-laws, notice in writing signed by any three members will be lodged with the Secretary who will place the matter before the next full Committee meeting.
- e) In the case of any objections to any rule of the Club, the matter shall be raised in the same way, but in this instance the matter will be brought before the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the members and the approval of two thirds of voting members present be obtained before any changes can be made.

19 Duty of Committee

It is incumbent of the Committee to see that the provision of all Acts of Parliament are complied with.

20 General

- a) No person within the club shall organise any lottery, bingo or entertainment or other activity without the express authority of the committee.
- b) No person within the club shall sell, offer for sale, promote or in any way advertise or support any game, lottery or other entertainment or other activity without the authority of the Committee.
- c) No person will cause any advertisement for any product or service to be displayed in the club without the authority of the Committee.
- d) No member, guest, or affiliated member or outside agency shall sell, offer for sale any foodstuffs or other edible matter, drinks or things of like nature without the authority of the Committee.
- e) In the case of any repair, alteration, renewal or purchase for and on behalf of the club which has been authorised, the Committee may at its discretion require tenders in writing to be submitted and shall not be bound by the lowest or any tender and will state so when asking for tenders.
- f) The Committee shall obtain insurance cover against public liability and also insure any members or guest in respect of any activity for and on behalf of the club and shall indemnify each member and guest against any claim arising from such activity
- g) The Committee will insure the club against burglary, theft and similar risk, including cover for fire and damage.
- h) However, the Club shall not be liable for such matters arising out of negligence, misconduct or similar act, and a notice to this effect will be displayed.
- i) The Club will not be responsible for any loss, Theft etc., of members' personal property which is left within the club or precincts. Nor will it be responsible for any motor car or other property within such vehicles, or any accident caused in any way by such motor vehicles over which the club has no control.