



EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE ADOPTION A NEW CONSTITUTION

1. The Management Committee recommends that the Club adopts a new constitution, which needs to reference the new Disputes and Grievances Policy (see note 5), and to bring it up to date to modern practices. The current Constitution was originally adopted in 1987 and has only had two updates since then.
2. The new Constitution allows modern methods of communication with members of the Club, and between members of the Management Committee. For example, using emails, texts and face to face meetings via the internet such as using Zoom, Facetime or other similar methods.
3. It sets a maximum amount for a one-off payment which can be authorised by the Management Committee, without needing to hold a Special General Meeting of the members.
4. It has more safeguards for the use of the funds and accounts of the Club, with limitations on which payments can be authorised by the Treasurer alone and which other payments need different levels of authorisation and who can authorise those payments.
5. It incorporates references to the new Code of Conduct Policy and the Disputes and Grievances Policy, which were recently adopted by the Management Committee. The Disputes and Grievances Policy was adopted because it was mandated for Incorporated Clubs by the Office of Fair Trading from July 2024.
6. It allows Absentee (postal) voting, for meetings of the club but specifically prohibits proxy voting at any meeting of the Club.