

## RULES OF THE LENCHES CLUB.

1. The Club shall be known as the Lenches Club, with objects for promoting games, social intercourse and good friendship.
2. (a) The Club shall be under the management of a Committee, consisting of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and six other members.  
  
(b) The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, to serve until the following Annual General Meeting. They are eligible for re-appointment. The AGM may permit any of them to be paid an honorarium for their preceding period of office which it shall decide and shall be payable forthwith. Deputies shall be elected at any convenient meeting of the Management Committee meeting after the AGM to serve until the following AGM. All members except those under 18 are eligible to serve on the Committee and to vote on any resolution.  
  
(c) If a vacancy occurs amongst the officers in the year for any reason the deputy shall automatically fill the vacancy and shall receive the balance of any honorarium for so long as he serves. In the absence of any deputy the Committee have authority to elect any member of the Club to serve in place of the previous office holder and upon the same terms.  
  
(d) Other members of the Committee shall be elected at the AGM and shall serve until the third AGM following their election. They are eligible for re-appointment.  
  
(e) The Quorum for the Committee is 5 members and it shall normally meet monthly at the Club Premises.
3. (a) A President shall be elected (or re-elected) at the AGM.  
  
(b) The Property of the Club shall be vested in not less than 3 Trustees, who shall be appointed by the Committee. The Trustees must act in accordance with the directions and resolutions of the Committee on all matters relating to the Property.
4. (a) The Club shall be open to membership to every applicant above the age of 14 who submits a correctly completed, appropriate Club membership application form, which shall be submitted to the Committee. No one shall become a member until 48 hours after nomination and also acceptance by the Committee.  
  
(b) Applications by persons under 18 may be made subject to additional conditions as the Committee decides from time to time, and these will include details of the applicant's date of birth and shall be countersigned by a parent or legal guardian who shall be held responsible for the applicant's behaviour.  
  
(c) The Committee may require the person countersigning under Rule 4b to accept legal liability in the form contained on the application for membership.  
  
(d) Members shall be allowed to bring a visitor on the payment of the visitor's fee (which the Management Committee may fix at their discretion) and shall enter such a visitor's name and his own in a book provided for this purpose. No visitor to be introduced more than six times during the Club year, but a series of visits within any seven day period shall only count as one for this purpose.  
  
(e) Every member shall pay the current Annual Subscription, which shall be decided by the AGM each year to be due on January next. The Committee shall be entitled to insist on a fresh joining fee for any member who has not paid his annual subscription by 1 March.  
  
(f) Members of 5 consecutive years standing who are of retiring age shall be free Life Members. The AGM may elect any other member a free Life Member in recognition of services to the Club.  
  
(g) Temporary event membership shall be available through the ownership of any ticket for a Lenches Club event. There is no requirement to pay a fee for this membership. Temporary members do not have any voting rights.
5. (a) The Club shall be open at the times and on the days the Committee decide. The bar shall not open outside general licensing hours in force in the district, as fixed by the Wychavon District Council Licensing Unit having jurisdiction and any extended hours they may grant the Club from time to time.  
  
(b) Upon giving two weeks prior notice upon the Club notice-board, the Committee shall be entitled to reserve one Club room for the private functions of members provided the provision of Rule 4 are observed.  
  
(c) On no more than six occasions in any year to be approved by the Committee there may be admitted to the registered premises of the Club persons other than Members and their guests and intoxicating liquor be supplied to them by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises and not elsewhere.

- (d) The Steward appointed by the Committee shall be responsible for all bar stock sales and receipts and for the good conduct of members generally.
- (e) Save on the gaming machines licensed from time to time for use in the Club and as otherwise permitted by law, gambling or betting will be prohibited. The Committee shall have power to suspend, fine or expel any member for offensive language or quarrelling, or whose conduct is considered not consistent with the well-being and objects of the Club.
- (f) Any member entering the Club in an intoxicated state will be expelled by the Steward who shall be given the active support of every Committee member present.
- (g) Any member wilfully damaging any of the property belonging to the Club shall replace the same, pay full compensation sufficient to replace or repair it or be expelled from the Club.
- (h) No political or religious discussion shall take place on the Club's premises to the annoyance of any member.
- (i) Reasonable behaviour is expected from every member and guest and any person who persists in disturbing the comfort of other members will be asked to leave the Club by the Steward or any member of the Committee.
- (j) Members under the age of 16, and children of members or their guests shall be permitted inside the premises of the club at such times as may, from time to time, be permitted by the Committee. All children are prohibited from using any piano, pool table, dart board, skittles alley or other item which the Committee may specify and breach of this Rule shall result in all offending children immediately leaving Club premises not to return for seven days; (ii) are the responsibility of adults who must accompany them all the time on Club premises. Paragraph (h) shall be exercised in every case where the Steward or a Committee member thinks appropriate.
- (k) Members must obey the ruling of the Committee whose interpretation of these Rules shall be final.
- (l) No member who has been fined or owes any other money to the Club shall be allowed to enter the Club until the fine is paid or to take part in the business of the Club. Any member who is disciplined be entitled to appeal to the Management Committee either in person or in writing. The Secretary must be notified by the member that an appeal is being made within four weeks of the original decision. The Committee shall consider the appeal within eight weeks of the Secretary being notified.
6. The Secretary shall keep Minutes of meetings, which shall be open to inspection by any member upon applying (giving reasonable notice) to the Chairman. Subscriptions and other moneys shall be paid to the Treasurer who shall keep clear and up to date accounts of income and expenditure in form and detail to meet the requirement of both the auditors and taxation authorities. He shall present the Annual General Meeting audited accounts for the previous year. The books shall be open to inspection by the Committee at all reasonable times.
7. Any matter in dispute in the Club shall be brought before the Committee, whose decision shall be accepted as final.
8. The Committee shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members on the requisition of twenty members giving seven days' notice. No question shall be discussed at such Extraordinary General Meeting, which is not specified in the requisition to convene it. Such meeting shall start no earlier than 7.30 p.m. and no later than 8.30 p.m. and shall be held at the Club premises.
9. Any alterations or amendment of these Rules shall be made at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting and not by the Committee. Any proposal for the alteration of these Rules shall be submitted to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the date fixed for the meeting.
10. The Annual General Meeting shall be held every March or April at the Club premises at which the Report and Statement of Accounts shall be presented. A copy shall be available at the Club at opening times for at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM. At least 21 days' notice of the AGM shall be given and a prominent notice at the Club premises shall be sufficient notice.
11. Subject to written disclosure in a prominent place in the Club, of all relevant terms for a period not less than 21 days prior to entering any binding commitment, the Committee shall (subject to these Rules) be empowered to borrow money on behalf of the Club and its members for any improvements deemed desirable.
12. The provisions of Part 4 of the New Licensing Act shall apply to the Club and shall prevail if and so far as such provisions are at variance with or inconsistent with any of the foregoing Rules and for the purposes of Section 24 of the said Act the elective Committee to deal with the purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be the General Committee having the management of the Club pursuant to Rule 2.
13. In these Rules words in the masculine also include the feminine.