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NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE

1. The Axminster Conservative Club Limited, being the Society, and hereinafter referred to as the ‘Club’, shall have its registered office at Silver Street, Axminster, EX13 5AH or such other place as the majority of members shall determine. In the event of any change in the situation of the registered office, notice of such change must be sent by the Secretary within fourteen days thereafter to the Financial Services Authority, hereinafter referred to as the “Authority”, in the form provided.
2. The registered name of the Club shall be kept painted or affixed on the outside of every office or place in which the business of the club is carried on, in a conspicuous position, in letters easily legible, and shall be engraved in legible characters on its seal, and shall be mentioned in legible characters in all business letters of the Club and Notices, advertisements and other official publications of the Club, and in all bills of exchange, promissory notes, endorsements, cheques and orders for money or goods, purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Club, and in all bills, invoices, receipts, and letters of credit of the Club.

AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES

3. The Club shall have authorised signatories who are able to sign on behalf of the Club following a resolution of the Committee.

OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

4. The objects of the Club 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.
5. The Club shall have the power to do all things necessary or expedient for the accomplishment of the objects specified in its Rules, including the power to hold, purchase, take on lease in its own name, any land or building, and to sell, exchange, mortgage or lease the said land or buildings, or build upon the said land.

6. (a) Membership of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union Limited.

The Club may hold such fully paid share or shares in the Working Men's Club and Institute Union Limited, hereinafter referred to as "the Union" as is provided by the rules of the Union, in order that each member of the Club may be entitled to all the privileges of the Union, subject to its rules. A person on becoming a member of the Club shall be supplied with an Associate Card on payment of such sum as shall be the prevailing rate charged by the Union, and with a Pass Card from time to time for any period for which he has paid his subscription on payment at the prevailing rate charged by the Union.

(b) Admission of Associates

So long as the Club shall remain a member of the Union all Associates of the Union shall subject to the following provisions of this rule be admitted to the Club premises, and alcohol may be sold to them by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises. An Associate before being admitted to the Club must produce his subscription card (showing that his current subscription to his Club has been paid) the Associate Card of the Union and the current Pass Card issued by the Union, and must write his name and that of his Club in the Union Associate book, to be kept for that purpose. The doorkeeper or other appointed official shall compare the signature in the book with that on the Associate Card, and on being satisfied that the signatures correspond shall admit the Associate. Associates shall have the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same rules and by-laws as ordinary members, except that they must not vote at any meeting of the Club, take books out of the library or take away alcohol for consumption off the premises. The Committee may refuse admission to Associates or limit their admission to such times and parts of the premises as they think fit in the interests of the Club. Notice of such limitations shall be sent to the Union General Secretary.

SHARES

7. The capital shall consist of shares of 10p each which shall be neither transferable nor withdrawable.

Every person on election (except as provided in Rule 15) shall pay for one share. If any person shall cease to be a member of the Club for any cause whatsoever, the amount paid on the member's share shall be forfeited and the share shall be cancelled. No member shall hold more than one share.

MEMBERSHIP

Election

8. The election of members shall be vested solely in the Committee and shall be by ballot. Two votes against admission shall exclude a candidate.
9. Only persons not being under 18 years of age shall be eligible for membership.
10. Any two members of not less than six 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.
11. The name, address, and occupation 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.
12. Any member who is of the opinion that any candidate so proposed would not be a desirable member, shall inform the Secretary who shall communicate the objection to the Committee.
13. 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.

14.No candidate, other than a candidate elected under Rule 15, shall be admitted to the privileges of membership, until having been:-

- (a) Formally elected a member by the Committee, and
- (b) notified of election by the candidate's proposer, and
- (c) paid the first subscription together with any entrance fee which may be determined by the Committee, and
- (d) shall have paid for and have been allotted one share duly registered in the register of the Club, and
- (e) in no circumstances shall a candidate be admitted to the privileges of membership until at least seven 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 the holding of relevant personal data for the purpose of the Data Protection Act.

Special Classes of Membership

Honorary Members

15.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 seven days shall elapse between their election and admission as members.

One share shall be allotted without payment to any honorary member elected in accordance with this Rule which share shall otherwise be issued in accordance with the remaining provisions of Rule 7 of these Rules.

Disqualification of Candidates

16.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.

No other person, who has at any previous time been a member of the Club, shall be eligible for re-election before the period of six months there from has elapsed.

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

Resignation of Membership

17. Any member wishing to resign must send a written notice to the Secretary, and shall thereupon cease to be a member. The Committee may accept the verbal resignation of a member provided it is reported and approved at a subsequent Committee Meeting.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

18.(1) The Club shall keep at its registered office a register of members (in these Rules referred to as ‘the Register’) in which the Secretary shall enter the following particulars:

- (a) the names and addresses of members;
- (b) a statement of the number of shares held by each member and the amount paid or agreed to be considered as paid on the share of each
- (c) a statement of other property in the Club, whether in loans or otherwise, held by each member;
- (d) the date at which each person was entered in the Register as a member, and the date at which any person ceased to be a member;
- (e) the names and addresses of the Officers of the Club, with the offices held by them, and the dates on which they assumed office.

For the purposes of this Rule “an Officer” includes every member of the Committee.

(2) The Club shall so construct the Register that it is possible to open to inspection the particulars entered therein mentioned in paragraphs (a), (d) and (e) hereof without opening to inspection the other particulars.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

19. The ordinary subscription shall be of such sum per annum as shall from time to time be determined by the members at a General Meeting. Subscriptions shall be paid in advance on admission and subsequently on the 1st January each year.
20. A suspended member shall remain liable to pay the annual subscription.
21. Every member when on the Club premises shall produce a receipt of subscription or card of membership, whenever called upon to do so by any person authorised by the Committee to make such demand.

Non-Payment of Subscription

22. Any member failing to pay the subscription within fourteen days after the same has become due, shall be considered to be in arrear, and notice of the default shall be sent to the member by the Secretary; 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 payments 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 foregoing provision.

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

23. Any member changing address shall, within fourteen days, give notice to the Secretary in writing of such change, and until such notice is given, all communications and notices sent to the last recorded address shall be deemed to have been served upon such member.

INTER-AFFILIATION TICKET HOLDERS

24. 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

25. Membership shall terminate:

- (a) On resignation (Rule 17).
- (b) On non-payment of subscription (Rule 22).
- (c) On expulsion (Rule 38).
- (d) On ceasing to be a Conservative supporter as defined in Rule 9.
- (e) On death.

OFFICERS

26. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Treasurer and a Secretary. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer shall remain in office until their successors are elected and shall be elected annually by ballot to be held at the Annual General Meeting and at the end of their term shall be eligible for re-election. The Secretary shall be elected at a General or Special General Meeting by a majority of the members present and shall remain in office during the pleasure of the Club.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

27. There shall be six 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 selected by the Chairman by lot.

THE COMMITTEE

28. The Committee shall consist of the Officers and Committee Members referred to in Rules 26 and 27.

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

The Chairman, or in this person's 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 of the meeting shall have in addition to one vote as a member of the Committee a second or casting vote.

29. 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 Member of the Committee and shall also cease to be an Officer or Committee Member. The Committee may accept the verbal resignation of a Committee member provided it is reported and approved at a subsequent Committee Meeting.

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

Any vacancy so caused shall be filled as provided in Rule 46.

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

(2) The Officer or Committee Member and the Steward 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 Secretary

(3) In the event of a person being appointed Secretary and receiving a fixed salary such a person shall not be an ordinary member of the Club, but the Committee shall have power to direct that such an employee may be admitted to the Club premises and that intoxicating liquor may be supplied for consumption on the premises.

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 Secretary.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Chairman

31. The Chairman, or in this Officer's absence the Vice-Chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Club.

Treasurer

32. The Treasurer shall be responsible for directing that all moneys, whether received personally, by the Secretary, or any other Official, Steward 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 two of the authorised signatories and countersigned by the Treasurer. At every regular meeting of the Committee (or more often if required) the Treasurer shall produce the Paying-in Book and Bank statements for inspection showing that the foregoing duties have been carried out.

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

Secretary

General Duties

33. The Secretary shall carry out the duties of this office under the superintendance, control and direction of the committee.

The duties of the Secretary 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 Secretary shall keep such accounts, documents and papers of the Club in such manner and for such purposes as the Committee may direct.

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

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

To ensure that the Club is registered under the provisions of the Licensing Act.

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

To comply with the requirements of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue 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 be supplied by the Committee with copies of the Rules and be bound to deliver a copy thereof to any person on demand.

Annual Return

34. Every year within the period presented by statute, the Secretary shall send to the Authority the annual return, in the form prescribed, relating to the Club's affairs for the period required under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 to be included in the return together with:

(a) A copy of the report of the auditors on the Club's accounts for the period included in the return or with a copy of such other report (if any) as is required by statute for such period; and

(b) a copy of each balance sheet made during that period and of the report (if any) of the auditors or other appropriate person on that balance sheet as required by statute.

35. A copy of the last annual return for the time being of the

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.

39. The Committee or any Officer authorised by them in writing, shall have power to give orders for goods and services and other 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. No claim will be recognised or paid for any work done or for any goods supplied to the Club, without an order from the Committee, or from any Officer authorised by them.

Members of the Club shall be entitled to contract with the Club for supply by them of goods and services, other than the audit of the Club's accounts, but shall not participate in any discussion or vote upon any motion relative thereto, either at a Committee Meeting or General Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

40. 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 twelve months, and be not less than 18 years of age.

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

42. At least three weeks prior to the day appointed for the commencement of the ballot a notice shall be posted on the Club Notice Board by the Secretary, 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.

43. The names of all candidates for office in the Club, together with the names of their proposers and seconders, shall be entered

that member not being the subject of proceedings in any court of law shall at the next ordinary meeting of the managing Committee or as soon as practicable thereafter lay a complaint upon which the managing Committee must decide whether or not to formally charge the member. If the managing Committee by a majority of members present at the meeting and entitled to vote so decide that on the face of the complaint there is a case to answer the Secretary will write to the member setting out the charge or charges and summon him to appear before the managing Committee giving not less than 3 clear days' notice to afford the member an opportunity to advance a defence.

(c) The managing Committee having found a member guilty of a charge by a simple majority of their number present and entitled to vote must by at least two-thirds of the said managing Committee vote for the member to be reprimanded, suspended (for a period not exceeding 12 months) or expelled to render it effective. A member convicted of any offence by any court of law may be suspended or expelled in his absence. A suspended member shall not be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of club membership but shall remain liable to pay his subscription. The decision of the managing Committee shall be sent to the member in writing within three days of the managing Committee meeting at which the decision was reached and the members' right of appeal procedure explained in the letter.

Right of Appeal

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 Secretary.

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,

on a nomination sheet which shall be posted on the Club Notice Board seven clear days before the day appointed for the commencement of the ballot and shall remain so posted until the result of the ballot has been declared.

- 44.(1) The Committee shall appoint three scrutineers to carry out the ballot under their direction and the result of the ballot shall be declared at the ensuing 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.

- 45.A member may not be nominated for more than one position at a time.

Casual Vacancies

- 46.Any casual vacancies, except vacancies occasioned by removal under Rule 48, occurring amongst the Officers 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 so long as the vacating Officer or Committee Member would have retained the same if no vacancy had occurred.

Resignation of the Committee

- 47.In the event of the whole Committee resigning at any time, the Secretary shall obtain nominations during the following ten days, and a ballot shall take place and be declared at a Special General Meeting held within fourteen days of such resignation for the election of a new Committee.

The time and notice required for nominations under Rule 43 and for Special General Meetings under Rule 53, shall not apply in this case.

Removal of Committee and Election of new Committee

48. The Committee, or any member or members thereof, may be removed from office by a majority of 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 AUDITOR

49.(1) The Society shall be able to disapply the need for a full audit in accordance with the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968, as amended by the Deregulation (Industrial and Provident Societies) Order 1996. If in any year a full audit is required, either by the membership or legislation, then the following conditions regarding the appointment of auditors and the audit shall apply for that year only.

The Club shall in each year of account appoint a qualified auditor to audit its accounts and balance sheet for that year. For the purposes of this Rule “qualified auditor” means a person who is a qualified auditor under section 7 of the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968.

(2) Save as provided in section (3) of this Rule every appointment of an auditor shall be made by resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

(3) The Committee may appoint an auditor to fill any casual vacancy occurring between the General Meetings of the Club.

(4) An auditor appointed to audit the accounts and balance sheet of the Club for the preceding year of account (whether by General Meeting or by the Committee) shall be re-appointed as auditor of the Club for the current year of account (whether or not any resolution expressly re-appointing him has been passed) unless:

(a) A resolution has been passed at a General Meeting of the Club appointing somebody instead of the auditors or providing expressly that the auditors shall not be re-appointed, or

(b) the auditor has given to the Club notice in writing of his or her un-willingness to be re-appointed, or

(c) the auditor is ineligible for appointment as auditor of the

Club for the current year of account, or

(d) the auditor has ceased to act as auditor of the Club by reason of his incapacity.

Provided that a retiring auditor shall not be automatically re-appointed by virtue of this Rule if notice of an intended resolution to appoint another person in the auditor's place has been given in accordance with section (5) of this Rule and the resolution cannot be proceeded with because of the death, incapacity or ineligibility of the other person.

(5) A resolution at a General Meeting of the Club (i) appointing another person as auditor in place of a retiring auditor or (ii) providing expressly that a retiring auditor shall not be reappointed shall not be effective unless notice of the intention to move it has been given to the Club not less than twenty-eight days before the meeting at which it is moved. On receipt by the Club of notice of the intention to move any such resolution the Club shall give notice of the resolution to the members and to the retiring auditor in accordance with section 6 of the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968, and shall give notice to the members in accordance with that section of any representation made or intended to be made by the retiring auditor.

(6) None of the following persons shall be appointed as auditor of the Club:

(a) an Officer or employee of the Club,

(b) a person who is a partner or in the employment of or who employs an Officer or employee of the Club.

For the purposes of this Rule "Officer" includes every member of the Committee.

(7) The auditor shall in accordance with section 9 of the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968, make a report to the Club on the accounts and on the revenue account or accounts and the balance sheet of the Club for the year of account in respect of which he is appointed.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Annual General Meetings

50. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in a month to be fixed by the Committee.

51. 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 Secretary 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 auditor, shall be posted on the Club Notice Board at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

52.(a) At the Annual General Meeting a statement of affairs, the balance sheet, income and expenditure account and report of the auditor shall be presented, together with a report of the ballot for Officers and Committee Members.

(b) At the Annual General Meeting ten members excluding the Officers and Committee 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

53. The Secretary shall summon Special General Meetings as follows:

(1) In accordance with Rule 47.

(2) At the direction of the Committee.

(3) Upon a request forwarded to the Secretary signed by one-fifth of the members or 30 members, whichever is the less, stating the objects of such meeting, in accordance with Rule 54. 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 Secretary.

54. 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 47 and 48) and no other business except that for which the meeting has been convened shall be brought before a Special General Meeting.

55. 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

56. Any Annual General 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 meeting.

Rescission of Resolutions

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

Voting

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

GUESTS, MEMBERS' FUNCTIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

59.(a) Every member shall be permitted to introduce guests to the club; but the same guest shall not be admitted to the Club premises more than four times within a period of one calendar month, unless special consent be obtained from the Committee. Intoxicating liquor may be sold to 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 interests of the Club.

(b) Members of other Clubs or other organisations who have been invited to take part in organised games tournaments and other recreational activities held on the Club premises and Members, Officials and supporters of visiting teams invited to participate in the same, and persons attending at the Club premises to attend a meeting or function, held in the name of The Conservative Party may, at the discretion of the Committee, be admitted to the Club premises as guests of Members and intoxicating liquor may be sold to such persons for consumption on the premises only.

(c) Intoxicating liquor may be sold for consumption on the Club premises to guests attending at any function on the Club premises which has been authorised by the Committee, provided that any such function shall be organised and supervised by at least one Member who is present throughout the duration of such function, and the same shall apply to such other functions which may from time-to-time be held on the Club premises within the scope permitted by the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Temporary Events Notices.

60. The name of any person admitted to the Club premises, and where appropriate, the name of the Member who introduced that person, shall be written in the A.C.C. Members' Guests Book which shall be kept for that purpose on the Club premises.

61. 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 22), shall be admitted as a guest.

The Committee may suspend Rule 59 at any time and for such period as they may think fit.

MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS

62. No betting, unlawful gaming, drunkenness, bad language or disorderly conduct shall be permitted on the Club premises.

Any infringement of this Rule will render the offending member liable to be dealt with by the Committee under Rule 38.

It shall be the duty of any member of the Committee or member of the Club to take every available means for putting a stop to the offences in question, and to report them forthwith to the Committee through the Secretary.

HOURS OF OPENING AND CLOSING PREMISES

63. 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

64. The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor 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

65. No Payment whatever shall be received from any person not being a member of the Club, an Inter-affiliated Member, or a

person admitted in accordance with Rules 59. Any such person making such payment shall forthwith be expelled from the Club premises.

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 18 years of age shall be entitled to play the Club's Gaming Machines.

Any member of the Committee shall make an immediate report to the Secretary 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 38.

The purchase and supply of intoxicating liquor shall be controlled by the elective Committee as elected in accordance with Rules 26 and 27.

66. 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.

FINANCIAL POWERS

Application of Surplus

67. Surpluses of the Club shall be dealt with by the Committee. Surpluses shall be applied 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 dealt with by the Members.

Borrowing Powers

- 68.(1) The Club shall have the power to borrow money for the purposes of the Club, and to issue loan stock and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed by mortgaging or charging any of its property, provided that the amount of money borrowed

for the time being remaining undischarged shall not exceed 1 00,000 and that the interest paid or to be paid in respect of any money borrowed, except money borrowed by way of Bank overdraft or a mortgage from a Building Society or on the Club premises, shall not exceed 6% per annum or 1% above Barclays Bank PLC base lending rate whichever is the higher.

(2) The Committee shall have the power to determine from time to time the terms and conditions upon which money is borrowed or loan stock is issued and to vary such terms and conditions.

(3) The Club shall not receive money on deposit.

Transfer of Loan Stock

69.(1) The holder of loan stock may transfer all or any part thereof by instrument in writing in such form as the Committee may approve.

(2) The instrument of transfer shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and transferee and properly stamped, and upon delivery thereof at the Registered Office together with the sum of £1, the certificate of the loan stock (if any) and such evidence of identity, or title as the Committee may reasonably require, the transfer shall be registered.

(3) A transfer of loan stock shall not be valid until registered.

Payment of Member's Interest at Death

70.(1) Upon a claim being made by the personal representative of a deceased member or the trustee in bankruptcy of a bankrupt member to any property in the Club belonging to the deceased or bankrupt member the Committee shall transfer or pay such property to which the personal representative of trustee in bankruptcy has become entitled as the personal representative or trustee in bankruptcy may direct them.

(2)(a) A member may in accordance with the Act nominate any person or persons to whom any property belonging to that member in the Club at the time of death shall be transferred, but such nomination shall only be valid to the extent of the amount for the time being provided in the Act.

(b) On receiving satisfactory proof of death of a member who has made a nomination the Committee shall, in accordance

with the Act, either transfer or pay the full value of the property comprised in the nomination to the person entitled thereunder.

Investments

71. The Committee may invest any of the funds of the Club in any investment referred to in section 31 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965, but not otherwise.

DISPUTES

72.(1) Any dispute arising between a member or any person aggrieved who has for not more than six months ceased to be a member, or any person claiming through such member or any person aggrieved, or under the Rules, and the Club, or an Officer or Committee Member thereof 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 County Court.

(2) The Club shall have a panel of five arbitrators, not being persons directly or indirectly interested in the funds 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.

STATUTORY APPLICATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY

73. Any ten members of the Club each of whom has been a member of the Club for not less than twelve months immediately preceding the date of the Application, may apply to the Authority in the form prescribed by the Treasury Regulations to appoint an actuary or accountant to inspect the books of the Club and to report thereon pursuant to section 47 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965.

It shall be the right of one-tenth of the whole number of members or if the number of members shall at any time exceed

1,000 it shall be the right of 100 members, by an application in writing to the Authority, signed by them in the forms respectively prescribed by the Treasury Regulations:

(a) To apply for the appointment of an inspector or inspectors to examine the affairs of the Club to report thereon; or (b) To apply for the calling of a Special General Meeting of the Club.

INSPECTION OF BOOKS

74. Any member or person having an interest in the funds of the Club shall be allowed to inspect their own account and the books containing the names and addresses of the members, including particulars in the Register, except those mentioned in paragraphs (b) and (c) of Rule 18, at all reasonable hours at the Registered Office or place where they are kept, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to produce them for inspection at all reasonable times. No person, unless being a member of the Committee of the Club, or specially authorised by a resolution thereof, shall have the right to inspect the loan account of any other member without this member's written consent.

AMENDMENT OF RULES

75. 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 Special General Meeting of which notice has been given specifying the intention to propose such rescission, amendment, or new Rule. Rules 1, 4, 9, 67, 76 and this Rule are hereby declared to be fundamental and shall not be amended or rescinded 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 Special 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. No proposition shall be taken into consideration unless supported by twenty members, who shall attach their signatures to the proposed amendment.

The Committee may propose Rule amendments at any time in accordance with the terms of this Rule.

No amendment of Rules is valid until registered with the Financial Services Authority.

Written notice of any amendment of Rules must be given by the Secretary to the Licensing Authority within 28 days of the date of the acknowledgement of registration of such amendment.

DISSOLUTION

76. The Club may be dissolved by the consent of three-fourths of the members, testified by their signatures to an instrument of dissolution, in the form provided by the Treasury Regulations in that behalf, or by winding-up in the manner prescribed in the Act.

DEFINITIONS

77. 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) “the Act” shall mean the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978 or any Act or Acts amending or in substitution for the same and for the time being in force.

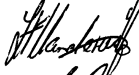

(c) “the Authority” shall have the meaning given to it by the Act.


(d) Words denoting the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine, unless the contrary intention appears.

(e) “Officers” for the purpose of these Rules shall include every member of the Committee.

(f) “intoxicating liquor” for the purpose of these Rules shall mean “alcohol” within the meaning of section 191 of the Licensing Act 2003.

(g) “Inter-Affiliation Ticket Holders” for the purpose of these Rules shall mean “Associates” within the meaning of Section 67 of the Licensing Act 2003.

John Vanderwolfe - (Member) 
Ian Craig - (Secretary) 

Les Summers - (Member) 
Fred Ferris - (Member) 