

## **Churchtown Conservative Club**

All previous rules rescinded

### **NAME AND OBJECTS OF THE CLUB**

1. THE CHURCHTOWN CONSERVATIVE CLUB, hereinafter referred to as "the Club", shall be situated at St. Cuthbert's Road, Southport PR9 7NN or as such other place as the majority of members shall determine.

Its objects 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.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Election**

2. The election of Members shall be vested solely in the Committee and shall be by ballot, or otherwise as the Committee shall from time to time determine. Two votes against admission shall exclude a candidate.

#### **Qualification**

3. Only Conservatives not being under 18 years of age shall be eligible for membership.

#### **Nomination**

4. Any two members of not less than twelve months standing may propose and second a candidate for membership and shall be able from personal knowledge to vouch for his respectability and fitness to be a member and both of them shall sign the nomination form, as shall the candidate, who, by doing so shall pledge himself to support the leaders of the Conservative party and to abide by the rules of the club now, or hereafter, in force, in the event of his being elected a member. Any member who might subsequently accept an offer of permanent employment with the Club, would in doing so, immediately relinquish the right to vote or hold office in the Club during the tenure of the said employment.

#### **Name and Address of Candidate to be posted on Club Notice Board**

5. The name, address, age and occupation of each candidate and the names of his proposer and seconder, shall be posted on the Club notice board for a period of 14 days, the expiration of which shall be not less than 14 days prior to the date of the Committee meeting at which the candidate and his proposer and seconder are to be interviewed.

### **Duty of Members to report undesirable Candidates**

6. Any member who is of the opinion that any candidate so proposed would not be a desirable member, shall inform the Secretary, by letter, who shall communicate the objection to the Committee.

### **Candidate to attend before Committee**

7. The Committee require the attendance of any proposer, seconder and their candidate to answer such questions as may be put to them. If they do not appear before the Committee when required to do so, or send a satisfactory excuse for not doing so within four weeks, the candidate's election shall not be proceeded with.

### **Payment of First Subscription**

8. (a) A candidate elected by the Committee shall have thirteen weeks dating from the notification of his election in which to take up his membership after which period his application will be deemed to have lapsed.

No candidate elected by the Committee shall be deemed to be a member of the Club, or participate in its privileges and benefits, until he shall have paid, his first subscription.

(b) 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**

9. (a) Honorary Members

The Committee shall have the power to elect from time to time as honorary members, without entrance fee or subscription, persons of distinction or those who have rendered valuable service to the Conservative cause or the Club, including the Conservative Agent for this Constituency. An interval of at least two days shall elapse between their election and admission as members.

(b) Associate Members

The Committee shall have the power to admit Associate Members at an annual subscription of £1. Associate Members shall not be entitled to hold office, attend or vote at meetings and shall be subject to such further regulations as the Committee may prescribe from time to time.

(c) The Committee shall have the power to elect as Life Members those who have completed ten years successive subscribing membership of the Club and attained the age of seventy years or those who have attained 40 years successive subscribing membership and to terminate at any time the Life Membership of any member so elected, if, in their opinion, it is desirable in the interests of the Club. Life Members shall be entitled to the full rights and privileges of membership without payment of any subscriptions.

(d) The Committee shall have the power to accept "Under 23's" members aged under 23 at an initial entrance fee of £15 and an annual subscription rate equivalent to the Old Age Pensioner subscription rate.

#### **Disqualification of Candidate**

10. No rejected candidate shall again be proposed as a member until the expiration of six 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 special consent of the Committee.

No person who has at any previous time been a member of the Club shall be eligible for re-election before a period of one year therefrom has elapsed, unless he pays all subscriptions otherwise due from him had he not ceased to be a member.

#### **Resignation of Member**

11. Any member wishing to resign must send a written notice to the Secretary, together with the subscription due up to the date of its taking effect and shall thereupon cease to be a member.

#### **Subscriptions**

12. Each person elected as a member, other than an associate member, shall pay an entrance fee of £10.00.

The ordinary, aged 65, under 23's and country member subscriptions shall be of such sum per annum as shall from time to time be determined by the members at a General Meeting. It shall be paid in advance on admission and subsequently on the first day of January each year. Members elected between the first of July and the 30<sup>th</sup> November shall pay one half of the current year's subscription. Any person elected after the 30<sup>th</sup> November in any year shall on payment of full subscription be accepted as a member for the remainder of that year and also for the following year. The rate of Subscription may only be altered in accordance with Rule 61. In the event of any increase, members who have already paid their subscriptions for the current year shall be liable to pay the difference between old and new rates.

#### **Suspended Members**

13. A suspended member shall remain liable to pay his subscription.

#### **Production of Membership Card**

14. Every member shall produce the receipt for his subscription, or card of membership, whenever called upon to do so by any person authorised by the Committee to make such demand on the club premises.

### **Non-Payment of Subscription**

15. If any member fails to pay his subscription by 31<sup>st</sup> January he shall be considered in arrear and notice of default shall be sent to him in writing by the Secretary; if the sum due be not paid within 14 days after such notice has been sent he shall cease to be a member and his name shall be removed from the register of members.

If, however, the delay in payment can be accounted for to the satisfaction of the Committee, the name of the member may be restored to the register of members at the discretion of the Committee.

### **Members in Arrear**

16. No member in arrear shall be permitted to make use of the Club or take part in its affairs.

### **Change of Address**

17. Any member changing his address shall, within fourteen days, give notice to the Secretary in writing of such address, and until such notice is given, all communications and notices sent to his last address shall be deemed as being served upon the member.

### **Inter-Affiliation Ticket Holders**

18. 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 supplied to them by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises.

### **Cessation of Membership**

19. Membership shall terminate:

- (a) On resignation (Rule 11)
- (b) On non-payment of subscription (Rule 15)
- (c) On expulsion (Rule 31)

### **Officers**

20. The officers of the Club shall consist of a Chairman (who shall be Chairman of the Committee), a Vice-Chairman, the ex-Chairman, eight Committeemen, an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary who shall remain in office until their successors are appointed, and shall be elected (with the exception of the Committeemen, who shall be elected according to Rule 21) annually at the Annual General meeting and at the end of their term in office shall be eligible for re-election. The ex-Chairman shall be the retiring Chairman.

### **Committeemen**

21. There shall be eight Committeemen who shall be elected to serve for a term of not less than one year and not more than three years. Three Committeemen shall retire at each Annual General

Meeting and be eligible for re-election and all members of the Club entitled to vote and of not less than one year's standing shall be equally eligible for election.

### **The Committee**

22. The Committee shall consist of the Officers and Committeemen referred to in Rules 20 and 21.

The election of the Committee shall be by ballot to be held at the Annual General Meeting.

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

### **Disqualification for Membership of Committee**

23. Any Committeeman, being absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall unless he sends a written explanation which the Committee deem satisfactory, cease to be a member of the Committee. Any member of the committee ceasing to be a member of the Club, or who is suspended, shall cease to be a member of the Committee. Any vacancy so caused shall be filled as provided by Rule 37.

### **Salaries and Security of Officers**

24. The officers of the Club shall receive such honorarium, if any, or in the case of the Secretary such salary as the Committee or a General Meeting shall from time to time determine.

Any Officer dealing with the moneys of the Club, also the Steward, shall give such security as the Committee may from time to time determine and shall discharge their duties under the direction and control of the Committee.

In the event of persons being appointed Secretary, Treasurer, Steward or Assistant Steward and receiving a fixed salary or wage such persons shall not be an ordinary member of the Club, but the Committee shall have the power to direct that they may be admitted to the Club premises and that intoxicating liquor may be supplied to him by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises.

A written Contract of service shall be sufficient evidence of their 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, Steward and Assistant Steward.

On Vacating the position of Secretary, Steward or Assistant Steward the Committee may at their discretion permit them to pay forthwith a subscription under Rule 12 whereupon they shall become ordinary members without compliance with the usual formalities of election but they shall not be admitted to the privileges of membership until two days have elapsed from their so becoming a member.

## **Duties of Officers**

### **The President**

25. The President, or in his absence the Chairman, shall preside at all meetings (other than Committee meetings) of the Club.

### **Trustees**

26. (a) The freehold premises of the Club are vested in the present trustees thereof upon trust to permit the same to be used as a club and assembly room for the furtherance of Conservative or Unionist principles and politics in that part of Southport known as Churchtown and ultimately the trustees shall hold the net proceeds of sale of the said premises upon trust to apply the same to such purposes as the general Purposes Committee of the Southport Conservative and Unionist Association shall from time to time direct.

(b) Every trustee shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Club from and against all liability, costs, damages, claims and demands incurred or suffered by him arising out of and in connection with anything done by him bone fide as such trustee of the Club premises.

(c) By virtue of section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 the power of appointment of new trustees of the Club premises is vested in the trustees for the time being.

### **Treasurer**

27. The Treasurer shall be responsible for seeing that all monies are duly paid into the Bank at least once a week. He shall also see that all the debts of the club are paid as directed by the Committee by cheque (signed by The Treasurer or The Secretary), direct debit, standing order or electronic transfer of funds. He will be responsible for the reconciliation of the clubs bank accounts (Current & Deposit) and debit card accounts on a monthly basis. He will be responsible for the reconciliation of the debit/credit card machine, and the retention of receipts for auditing purposes.

He shall also be responsible for the collections of monies from any gaming or lottery machine and the refilling of each machines monetary float, as well as keeping an auditable record of the monies collected from each machine. The treasurer will be in charge of the sourcing of any such machine whilst keeping the committee advised of any contracts entered into.

He shall also be responsible for the collections of monies from the snooker clocks and keeping an auditable record of the monies collected from each clock.

He shall be responsible for checking and documenting the cash floats kept on the club premises as detailed. (A) Bar Float (B) Gaming Machine Float, (C) Lottery Machine Float, (D) Gaming Machine £1 Coin Float

He shall ensure their presence when the external auditor visits on a monthly basis to audit the Bar takings and stock inventory and supply the purchase invoices to the stock-taker.

He shall be responsible for the clubs bank account and have access to the clubs electronic banking facilities in order to carry out the duties entrusted to them by the committee. This includes ensuring

that the bank debit cards held by the steward and secretary are used for the clubs benefit and within the spending limits.

He will submit a monthly report to the committee of the financial position of the club. This will include bank statements for the clubs current account, deposit account and debit card account.

He will 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. The internal accounts and papers should be made available to the clubs accountants at each year end for auditing to allow the production of audited accounts and balance sheet.

He will be responsible for the Broadband, telephone and digital sports streaming contracts with the suppliers to the club.

### **Secretary**

28. The Secretary shall on all occasions in the execution of his Office act under the Superintendence, control and discretion of the Committee.

He shall receive moneys on account of the Club, and pay the same to the Treasurer or direct to the Club's bank. He shall keep such accounts, documents and papers of the Club in such manner and for such purposes as the Committee may direct.

He shall summon and attend all meetings taking minutes of proceedings.

He shall 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.

He shall keep upon the premises a register of the name and addresses of the Club members and a record of the latest payment of their subscription.

He shall ensure that the Club is registered with the Magistrates' Court under the provisions of the Licensing Acts.

He shall be responsible for the insurance of the Club against fire and burglary and in respect of liability for accidents occurring to the Club employees and for any other purposes directed by the Committee.

He shall 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.

He shall ensure that copies of the Rules shall be available to view via the Club's website and shall be kept up to date, with a hard copy pamphlet made available for viewing or copying from behind the bar.

He shall carry out such other duties as are reasonably incidental to his office.

### **Authority of the Committee**

29. The Committee shall conduct the general business of the Club, regulate the internal management, have power to enforce the Rules, impose fines and make such bye-laws as may be necessary for the conduct of the Club in conformity with these Rules.

At the first meeting after the Annual General meeting the Committee shall appoint such Sub-Committees as it may deem necessary to manage the several departments of the Club under the supervision of the Committee. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, ex-Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all sub-Committees.

The appointment and dismissal of the Steward and all the Club servants shall be vested solely in the Committee.

### **Resolutions passed by Committee**

30. No resolution passed by the Committee shall be rescinded unless notice shall have been given at a previous meeting of the Committee of intention to propose such rescission.

### **Power to suspend or expel**

31. The Committee shall have the power to reprimand, suspend or expel any Member who shall infringe any Rule or whose conduct in or out of the Club shall, in their opinion, be prejudicial to the Conservative cause, or to the character or interests of the Club, and any member guilty of conduct likely to endanger the welfare, unanimity or good order of the Club, or whose political opinions or actions are found to be inconsistent with the Rules, shall be expelled by the Committee.

Any member of the Committee shall be empowered to order the immediate withdrawal of any member whose conduct is in conflict with the Rules of the Club and who, after warning, persists therein. The matter must be reported to the Committee at their next meeting after the committal of the alleged offence. Such member shall have no right of re-entry to the Club premises until summoned to meet the Committee.

If the Committee are of the opinion that the complaint laid against the member does not warrant them summoning him to appear before them, the member in question must at once be notified to this effect and he shall then be free to resume his rights as a member.

At least seven clear days' notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary to the member of his being summoned before the Committee and such notice shall contain a statement of the complaints brought against him.

No member, unless convicted of an offence by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, or other Court, shall be finally suspended or expelled without first being summoned before the Committee and full opportunity afforded him to explain his conduct, nor unless a majority of at least two-thirds of the Committee then present vote for his suspension or expulsion, and the decision of the Committee shall be final.

Should the member fail to appear before the Committee or give suitable reasons for his non-appearance, his case can be proceeded with and dealt with by the Committee in his absence.



### **Orders**

32. The Committee, or any Officer authorised by them in writing, shall have power to give orders to tradesmen and others for goods and other things necessary for carrying out the purpose 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 a General Meeting.

### **Election of Officers and Committeemen**

33. Every candidate for officer shall be proposed and seconded by two members entitled to vote. His current subscriptions must have been paid and he must have been a member for the previous twelve months, and not be less than 18 years of age.

### **Manner of Voting**

34. Each member of the Club shall have one vote for each vacancy and no member shall give more than one vote to any candidate. (For resolution voting see Rule 50).

### **Nomination Sheet**

35. The names of all candidates for office in the Club, together with their proposers and seconders, shall be entered on the nomination sheet which shall be posted on the notice board for at least fourteen clear days before the day appointed for the Annual General Meeting and shall close not more than seven days before the day appointed for the Annual General Meeting.

### **Scrutineers**

36. The Members shall appoint three scrutineers to carry out the ballot and the result of the ballot shall be declared at the General or Special General Meeting.

No Officer or Committeeman of the Club or candidate may be appointed as a scrutineer.

In the case of a tie between two or more candidates, the names of such candidates shall be written on pieces of paper, which shall be folded and 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 and duly elected.

Should a vacancy arise on the Committee by reason of one of the elected being chosen for some other office, the vacancy shall be filled by the Candidate who receives the next highest number of votes.

### **Casual vacancies**

37. Any casual vacancies, except vacancies occasioned by removal under Rule 38, occurring amongst the Officers shall be filled up by Committee, who shall appoint a person to fill the office.

Any person so appointed shall retain his office until the next Annual general Meeting.

#### **Resignation of Committee**

38. In the event of the whole of the Committee resigning at any time, the Secretary shall obtain nominations during the following three days, and a ballot shall be held at a Special General Meeting to be held within ten days of such resignation for the election of a new Committee.

The time and notice required for nominations under Rule 35, and for Special General Meetings, under Rule 46, shall not apply to this case.

#### **Removal of Committee and Election of New Committee**

39. The Committee, or any member or members thereof, may be removed from office by the majority of three-fourths of the members of the Club present 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 the resignation of the Committee.

#### **Appointment of Accountant**

40. The members of the Annual General Meeting shall elect an Accountant who publicly carries on the business of an Accountant to examine the accounts for the ensuing year.

#### **Duties of the Accountant**

41. The Accountant shall examine the accounts and for that purpose shall have access to all the books and accounts of the Club.

He shall examine the accounts and the receipts and expenditure, funds and effects of the Club and shall verify the same with the vouchers relating thereto, and shall either sign the same as found by him to be correct and duly vouched, or shall specially report in what respects he finds them incorrect or unvouched.

He will produce annual accounts after the end of the financial year, and issue an accountants report covering these accounts.

No officer of the Club or member of the Committee shall be the Accountant.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

42. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in February in each year on a day to be fixed by the Committee unless, due to safety reasons or Government decree, it is not possible when the AGM must be held at the earliest possible safe and allowed date.

### **Notice to be given**

43. Notice of such Annual general Meeting shall be sent to each member together with a copy of the Annual Statement of Account and shall be posted on the Club notice Board for at least twenty-one clear days before the date appointed for the Meeting.

Notice for any motion for inclusion in the agenda of the Annual General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Secretary with ten days of the posting of the notice summoning the Meeting. (Propositions for amendments of Rules. See Rule 61).

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the Club notice board for at least ten clear days before the date appointed for the Meeting.

No business other than that specified in the Agenda shall be transacted at the Meeting.

### **Annual Report**

44. At the Annual General Meeting a statement of affairs, Revenue Account, and report of the Accountant shall be presented.

### **Special General Meeting**

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

(1) In accordance with Rule 38.

(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 46.

Meetings summoned under the provisions of (2) and (3) 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.

### **Notice of a Special General Meeting**

46. Notice of any Special General Meeting and of the object for which it is being 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 Rule 38 and 39), and no other business except that for which the meeting has been convened shall be brought before a Special General Meeting.

47. At a Special General Meeting ten percent of the members shall form a quorum.

No want of quorum occurring after the Chairman has opened the meeting shall make a meeting incompetent to transact business.

### **Adjournment of Meetings**

48. Any General or Special 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 meetings.

### **Rescission of resolutions**

49. No resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be rescinded unless notice of the intention to propose such rescission shall have been given at a previous Annual General or Special Meeting.

### **Voting**

50. At all General Meetings every member present except for associate members shall have one vote on each resolution. (Voting for Officers and Committeemen, See Rule 34).

### **Visitors**

51. (a) Every member shall be permitted periodically to introduce friends as visitors, but the same visitor shall not be admitted more than four times within a period of one calendar month.

The Committee reserves the right to refuse the admission of any visitor if in their opinion it is desirable in the interests of the Club.

### **Visiting Teams**

51. (b) Members of other Clubs invited to take part in organised games, tournaments and other recreational activities, members, officials and supporters of visiting teams invited to participate in organised games and tournaments and members of Conservative and Unionist Associations or branches thereof affiliated to the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Association's meetings for political or social purposes may, at the absolute discretion of the Committee, be admitted to the premises and notwithstanding Rule 58 intoxicating liquor may be sold to them by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises.

Persons so admitted shall be subject to the same rules as members except that they shall not attend or vote at meetings, nor be supplied with intoxicating liquor for consumption off the premises.

### **Outside Functions**

51. (c) Notwithstanding Rule 58 intoxicating liquor may be sold for consumption on the premises to non-members of the Club attending at the Club premises when functions are authorised by the Management Committee provided always that the function is promoted by and the responsibility of a member of the Club who is present at the function.

52. The name of the visitor, together with the date of the visit, and the member by whom introduced shall be written in the visitors book kept for that purpose.

53. No visitor shall be permitted to make payment of any kind, whether directly or indirectly other than a visitor admitted under Rule 51(a), 51(b) or 51(c).

The Committee reserves the right to refuse the admission of any visitor if in their opinion it is desirable in the interests of the Club.

#### **Visitors who have been rejected as candidates or expelled from the Club**

54. No person who has been expelled from the Club, or who, at the request of the Committee has resigned his membership, or who, having been a candidate for election has been rejected, or who is indebted to it (See Rule 15) shall be admitted as a visitor. The Committee may suspend Rule 51 at anytime and for such period as they may think fit.

#### **Misconduct of Members**

55. No gambling, betting, drunkenness, bad language or disorderly conduct shall be permitted on the Club premises.

Any person damaging the furniture or other property of the Club shall make good the same to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Any infringement of this Rule will render the member offending liable to be dealt with by the Committee under Rule 31.

It shall be the duty of any officer 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.

No members shall be allowed to bring a dog (other than a guide dog) into the club.

Members and their guests shall abide by the bye-law relating to the standard of dress at all times.

#### **Hours of opening and closing Premises**

56. The Club premises normally shall be open to members during such hours as may be determined from time to time by the Committee.

#### **Hours of Supply**

57. The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be such as may from time to time be determined by the Committee in accordance with the Licensing Act 1964 as amended by the Licensing Act 1988 and in respect to Sundays as notified to the Magistrate's Clerk.

#### **Excisable Articles**

58. No payment whatsoever shall be received from any person not being a member of the Club, an inter-affiliated member or a person admitted in accordance with Rule 51(a), 51(b) or 51(c).

If any such person shall make such payment he shall forthwith be expelled from the Club premises.

Any Officer 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 32.

59. The proceeds of the supply of refreshments shall be carried to the credit of the Club funds and, except with the consent of the Committee, no individual, servant or other person shall derive any advantage from the supply thereof.

#### **Applications of Surplus**

60. Any annual surplus of the Club shall be applied in such manner as the Committee consider best in the interest 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 as provided in Rule 26.

#### **Amendment of Rules**

61. 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 three-fourths of the votes given thereon at any General or Special General Meeting of which notice has been given, specifying the intention to propose such a rescission, amendment or new rule.

Rules 1, 3, 26, 60, 63 and this Rule are hereby declared to be fundamental and shall not be rescinded or amended, 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 must be submitted in writing to the Committee 21 days prior to the date of such meeting and shall be posted on the Club Notice Board at least fourteen days before the Meeting. No proposition shall be taken into consideration unless supported by twenty members who shall attach their signatures to such notice.

Written notice of any new Rule or amendment of Rules must be given by the Secretary to the Chief of Police and to the Clerk to the Local Authority within 28 days of the adoption thereof.

#### **Dissolution**

62. The Club may be dissolved by the consent of three-fourths of the members present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose.

#### **Definitions**

63. 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) Unless the contrary intention appears, words denoting the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine.

(c) "Officers" for the purpose of these Rules shall include every member of the Committee.

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