



1. Name

The Club is called Whiteley Village Cricket Club

2. Purpose and Objects of the Club

These are:

- (a) to actively promote and participate in the sport of amateur cricket;
- (b) to provide the Members with facilities for sporting and social activities generally, and to provide a sporting interest for the residents of Whiteley Village;
- (c) to provide and maintain the playing field, club house and pavilion at Whiteley Village Cricket Club, Coombe Lane, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

3. Colours

The club colours are green and grey

4. Class of Membership and Subscriptions

Membership of the Club is open to anyone interested in sport upon application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation upon membership may be made based upon available facilities on a non-discriminatory basis.

The Club fully adopts and supports the principles and guidelines contained within the ECB Club Inclusion and Diversity Policy.

The membership of the Club is divided into the following classes whose annual subscriptions shall be determined by the Management Committee under rule 7 on a fair and non-discriminatory basis.

Class A

Playing members who are subdivided into groups as follows:

- (i) members aged 18 years or over on the 1st of April of any year. These will be known as **Full Members**.
- (ii) members aged 18 years or over on the 1st of April of any year but receiving full time education at school, college or university. These will be known as **Student Members**.
- (iii) members aged under 18 and over 16 years on the 1st day of April in any year or receiving full time education at school, college or university. These will be



known as **Academy Members**.

- (iv) members aged 16 years or under on the 1st day of April. These will be known as **Colt Members**.

In addition to the annual subscription a match fee will be payable which will be fixed by the Management Committee from time to time. The Management Committee may, at its discretion, charge a reduced first annual subscription to new playing members applying for membership after the 1st day of April in any year.

Class B

Life Members are those persons who at any time after paying their first annual subscription, compound this by one lifetime payment in lieu of all future subscriptions. The amount of such lifetime subscription may be fixed from time to time by the Management Committee at its absolute discretion but to be not less than £1,000 (one thousand pounds). Life members, who on account of their service to, or support of, the club shall be proposed and elected as such by the Management Committee or at the Annual General Meeting.

Class C

Non Playing Members

Class D

Day Members, who shall be members of visiting teams with their guests, guest players for Whiteley Village Cricket Club who do not fall into Class A, B, C, E or F, relatives of class A, B or C Members and members of any bona fide sports club using the facility with the express permission of the Management Committee. Day Members shall have no vote, shall not be qualified to be officers or members of the Management Committee, unless by specific invitation of the Management Committee.

Class E

Presidents and vice-presidents who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting unless previously elected for life.

Class F

The residents of Whiteley Village.

5. Admission of New Members

- (a) Admission of Members other than Day Members shall be by cleared payment of the first annual subscription. The Management Committee may refuse



and/or cancel membership without stating its reasons if it considers this to be in the best interests of the Club, its members and/or the sport.

- (b) It is the responsibility of every member to ensure the Honorary Secretary is provided with their full name, address, email and contact telephone numbers.

6. Welfare of Young People

- (a) As part of its best practice, the Club adopts the ECB “Welfare of Young People in Cricket” policy to ensure the safety and welfare of young people involved in club activities and to safeguard and protect them from reasonably foreseeable forms of harm.
- b) All Members of the Club are required to understand and adhere to this ECB code of conduct and any relevant procedures therein, and the Management Committee will appoint a suitably qualified Club Welfare Officer to oversee this area of operation.

7. Payment of Subscriptions

- (a) The annual subscriptions in respect of each Class of Members are determined from time to time by the Management Committee. Any alterations to the subscriptions may be effected by the Management Committee under the powers given hereby without any amendment to the Rules. Written notification by the Chairman of the subscriptions payable from time to time and which are displayed on the club premises shall be sufficient evidence and notification of the current subscriptions payable by virtue of Rule 4 and Rule 7.
- (b) All annual subscriptions (except the first subscription of a new Member) are due on or before the 1st day of April in each year
- (c) All subscriptions are to be paid to the Honorary Treasurer of the club. Cheques are to be made payable to Whiteley Village Cricket Club.
- (d) If any Member fails to pay his annual subscription on or before the 31st day of May next after it has become due, notice will be sent to him calling his attention thereto, and if he does not pay the amount within 14 days from the posting of such notice, he may be forthwith posted in the club house as a defaulter. If such subscription is not paid on or before the 1st day of August following, the defaulter shall cease to be a Member of the club. If at any time he gives the Management Committee a satisfactory explanation for the default, he may at the absolute discretion of the Management Committee and upon payment of arrears be readmitted to membership.



8. Termination of Membership

- (a) Any member may resign his membership by giving the Honorary Secretary written notice to that effect. Every such notice will, unless otherwise expressed, be deemed to take effect from the 1st day of April next following the receipt thereof subject to the satisfactory receipt of the current years annual subscription.
- (b) If any Member is convicted at a Court of any criminal offence the Management Committee (acting reasonably) will have the power at their absolute discretion to terminate the membership of the member without any notice.
- (c) The Management Committee may at any time in writing, if they are of the opinion that it is in the interests of the Club, invite any Member to withdraw their membership from the Club within 7 days. If the Member does not withdraw their membership, the Management Committee may submit the question of his expulsion to an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held within 6 weeks after the date of any such letter. No less than 4 weeks notice of the meeting will be given to the Members. It will be the duty of the Honorary Secretary to inform the Member in question of the time and place of the meeting and of the nature of the complaints against him in sufficient time to afford him a proper opportunity of offering his explanation. At the called Extraordinary General Meeting the Member will be allowed to offer an explanation of his conduct verbally or in writing and if thereupon, two thirds of the Members present will vote for his expulsion he will thereupon cease to be a Member of the Club. Provided that the voting at any such Extraordinary General Meeting is by ballot of not less than 5 Members present, it will be so demanded. It is in the power of the Management Committee to exclude such a Member from the clubhouse until the Extraordinary General Meeting has been held.
- (d) Any person will, upon ceasing to be a Member of the club, forfeit all and any rights and claims upon the Club, its property and/or its funds.

9. Management of the Club

- (a) The management of the Club (except as otherwise provided by these rules) shall be deputed to a Management Committee of not more than 8 members from classes A, B and C, of whom class A members shall be in the majority. The Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. The Management Committee must include the officers of the club who are the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and the Club Captain. The Management Committee shall also include the Honorary Colts Chairman, Club Welfare Officer, Bar Chairman and the Cricket Committee Chairman. A



Management Committee member must be 18 years of age at the time of their election. Unless otherwise elected at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting, the Club Captain shall be the elected Saturday First XI Captain.

- (b) At the Annual General Meeting all officers and members of the Management Committee shall retire.
- (c) Candidates for election as officers and members of the Management Committee may be proposed by any two members from classes A, B and/or C, either in writing to the Honorary Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting (or Extraordinary General Meeting if so called) or at an appropriate time during the meeting.
- (d) Except that only class A (i) and A (ii) Members of the club shall be entitled to vote for the election of the team captains and vice captains, every Member of the club shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled and no more. The candidates up to the number of vacancies who shall receive most votes shall be declared elected, except that where there is only one candidate, that candidate must receive an affirmative vote from more than half of the Members present, who are eligible to vote for the vacancy. The Chairman of the meeting shall not be entitled to vote for any vacancy except as a casting vote.
- (e) The Management Committee has the power to appoint a Member to fill any casual vacancy on the Management Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (f) The Management Committee will meet at least eight times per year to examine the accounts and arrange the affairs of the club. A majority of the committee shall form a quorum. Minutes will be taken of all the proceedings of the Management Committee and will be open to the inspection of any Member of the club applying to the Honorary Secretary thereafter.
- (g) Any member of the Management Committee absenting himself from three consecutive meetings without due cause may be considered as having resigned and will be so informed in writing. If such absentee holds a position named in rule 9 (a), the committee will cause an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held to fill the vacancy within one month of the deemed resignation.
- (h) The Management Committee may also from time to time appoint such sub-committees as they may deem necessary or expedient, and may depute or refer to them such of the powers and duties of the Management Committee as the Management Committee may determine. All sub-committees are to periodically report their proceedings to the Management Committee and will



conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the Management Committee.

- (i) The Management Committee has the power to deal with all matters of urgency, not covered by these rules.

10. Trustees of the Club

The number of Trustees will not be more than ten nor less than four. The property of the Club (other than cash which is under the control of the Honorary Treasurer) is vested in the Trustees. They will deal with the property of the Club as directed by resolution of the Management Committee (of which an entry in the minute book will be conclusive evidence) and they will be indemnified against risk and expenses out of the Club property. The Trustees will hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the Management Committee who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting remove any Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustee. Where by reason of such death, resignation, or removal it shall appear necessary to the Management Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed or if the Management Committee deems it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee or additional Trustees the Management Committee will by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he will by Deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Management Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 will apply to any such appointment.

11. Licensed Bar

- (a) The purchase and sale by the Club of intoxicating liquor will be in the absolute discretion of a sub-committee chaired by the Bar Chairman, of not less than three Members appointed by the Management Committee for that purpose.
- (b) The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor will be according to the prevailing licensing laws from time to time.
- (c) No person under the age of eighteen is permitted to purchase or consume intoxicating liquor on the club premises.

12. General Meetings

- (a) The Annual General Meeting is to be held no later than 31st of December each year upon a date and a time to be fixed by the Management Committee



for the following purposes:

- (i) to receive from the Management Committee a report, balance sheet and statement of accounts for the proceeding financial year.
 - (ii) to elect the officers of the club and members of the Management Committee and to appoint the Club Auditor for the following year
 - (iii) to decide on any business or resolution which has been properly submitted with at least 21 days prior notice.
- (b) The Management Committee may at any time for any special purpose call an Extraordinary General Meeting and will do forthwith upon the requisition in writing to the Honorary Secretary of any twelve members from categories A, B and/or E stating the purpose for which the meeting is required.
- (c) Fourteen days at least before the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting, a notice of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat will be posted in the club house and sent to every member, and no business other than that of which notice has been given will be brought forward such a meeting. (The report, balance sheet and statement of accounts will be placed in the principal clubroom at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) At all general meetings of the Club the Chairman, or in his absence a member selected by the Management Committee, will take the chair. Except that only playing members of the club are entitled to vote for the election of team captains and vice-captains, every other member from categories A, B and E is entitled to one vote upon every motion. Motions are decided upon a simple majority of those Members present and eligible to vote, and in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- (e) The quorum at all general meetings will be twelve members belonging to membership categories A (i), B or E.
- (f) Membership categories C, D and F do not carry voting rights.
- (g) If at any time the Club in general meeting passes a resolution authorising the Management Committee to borrow money, the Management Committee is thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purpose of the club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution, and thereupon the Trustees will at the direction of the Management Committee make all such dispositions of the club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Management Committee may deem proper for giving security



for such loans and interest. All members of the Club after passing such resolution are deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

13. Amendment to Rules

- (a) Any repeal, addition to or amendment of those rules shall be effected at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened specifically for that purpose.
- (b) No repeal, addition to or amendment to these rules shall be effected unless one third of the current membership comprising Full Playing Members, Non Playing Members and Life Members (or their proxies) are present and any proposed repeal, addition to or amendment of these rules must receive a simple majority of such members (or their proxies) of those classes A (i), B, C and E as are present at a General Meeting.
- (c) Notice of intention by an individual member to propose any such repeal, addition to or amendment of the rules shall be sent in writing to the Honorary Secretary no later than 30th day of September. The Honorary Secretary will circulate a copy of any proposals to the Members with an agenda when convening the General Meeting.

14. Club Accounts and Finance

- (a) The financial year of the club ends on 30th day of September of each year, and annual accounts shall be prepared to this date by the Honorary Treasurer.
- (b) As soon as practicable after the end of the financial year, the accounts shall be audited by the Club Auditor who shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting. A vacancy occurring in the office of auditor during the year shall be filled by the Management Committee.
- (c) The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of Members and all surplus funds are reinvested within the Club for the benefit of the Club.
- (d) The Club operates as a Community Amateur Sports Club as provided for within the Finance Act 2002.

15. Club House and Pavilion

- (a) The club house and pavilion shall be opened to members daily between the hours as the Management Committee shall from time to time determine, but the Management Committee may close it for such times as they may deem necessary for cleaning and repairs subject to such closures not preventing



the playing of sporting activities nor breaching any League rules for the provisions of such facilities on sporting occasions.

- (b) Verification of membership status may be requested from time to time.
- (c) Regulations made by the Management Committee may lay down the conditions upon which any game may be played in the club house and may prohibit any games, the playing of which are unlawful or would in the opinion of the Management Committee be injurious to the interests of the club.
- (d) Every member is allowed to introduce visitors subject to such regulations as are made from time to time by the Management Committee, and every visitor is to be considered the guest of and be accompanied by the member introducing him.
- (e) No person can be introduced as a visitor into the club who has been expelled from Whiteley Village Cricket Club membership or whose conduct or presence in the club is considered by the Management Committee prejudicial to the interests of the club and/or the sport.

16. Cricket Committee

A cricket committee of the team captains (or vice-captains deputising), the honorary fixture match secretary, the league representative and a chairman to be appointed by the Management Committee will be responsible for the organisation, administration and operation of the cricket activities, including the selection and notifications of teams for each game. This committee will meet weekly during the cricket playing season and at least three times during the remainder of the year.

17. Interpretation of Rules

The Management Committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and also upon any matters arising not provided for in these Rules and affecting the Club. Interpretation of all Rules must be consistent with the Statutory requirements for Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002 ("CASC"). The Management Committee's decision shall be final.

18. Winding Up

For consideration to be given to the winding up of the Club, and Extraordinary General Meeting must be called by the Management Committee or by any Member in written submission to the Honorary Secretary supported by at least twelve Members of the Club. The Honorary Secretary will circulate the proposition to Members at least 14 days prior to the Extraordinary General Meeting being held. A resolution to wind up the Club can only be passed if not less than 75% of



those Members present and entitled to vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting support the proposal. If the proposal to wind up the Club is passed, the Management Committee will be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs. Once all liabilities of the Club have been settled, the Management Committee shall dispose of any remaining assets to one or more of the following:

- (i) to another Club with similar sports purposes and objects which is a registered CASC and/or
- (ii) to the sport's governing body for use by them for community sports.

19. General

- (a) No Member shall, except for providing goods and services on fair and equitable commercial terms at the request of the Management Committee from time to time, receive any profit, salary or emoluments from the funds or transactions of the Club.
- (b) No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club or of any Member thereof any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to any purchases made by the Club, nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor or other services by or on behalf of the Club to Members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole, and from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to or contributing to a general gain from the operation of the Club.
- (c) No Member will give the address of the Club in any advertisement or use the Club address for business purposes save where such advertisement or use is on behalf of the Club and with the express agreement of the Management Committee.
- (d) Every Member of the Club will each year communicate to the Honorary Secretary his home address or an alternative address for service, and all notices posted to such addresses will be considered as having been duly given on the day following the posting.
- (e) A copy of these rules will be displayed on the club premises and supplied to each member.

Adoption

These Rules are hereby signed and adopted as the Constitution of the Whiteley Village Cricket Club.

Dated

Club Chairman