

Stoke Lodge Ramblers Club Constitution

(revision Sept 2017 ratified at 2017 AGM, further proposed amendments for AGM 31st October 2020). *Deletions in italics and new wording in red.*

1. NAME

The name of the club shall be “Stoke Lodge Ramblers” hereinafter referred to as “the club”.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the club are:

- a) to hold regular organised walks, outings and social events for the enjoyment of members and invited guests.
- b) to help members and invited guests to understand the area in which they are walking and the environment in general.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in active walking and paying the relevant subscription as determined by the Annual General Meeting of club membership. The Committee shall have the right to terminate the membership of any person who in its opinion has acted against the interests of the club.

4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- a) The Officers of the club shall be the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Walks Coordinator. The Committee shall have the right to appoint Officers from among its own members.
- b) The administration of the club shall be vested in the Committee which shall consist of the four Officers mentioned above and *not more than 5 other members* **up to six other committee members**, preferably representing the range of activities of the club. The committee shall meet not less than 3 times a year at agreed intervals.
- c) A quorum for the Committee shall be three members including one Officer.
- d) Any two members of the Committee may call a Committee Meeting by giving all other members at least fourteen days’ notice.
- e) The Committee shall have powers to:
 - i) co-opt additional members but co-opted members may not vote.
 - ii) fill such temporary vacancies as may occur from among the membership.
 - iii) appoint sub-committees from its members
- f) The four Officers shall be elected for a period of four years at the Annual General Meeting. They shall not **usually** serve for more than four consecutive years in the same role.
- g) The remaining Committee members shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting for *three* **four** years after which time they will retire. They shall be eligible for re-election for one further term of *three* **four** years, *and after a one year gap for further election.* **After two terms of service, committee members usually stand down for at least one year.**
- h) Nominations for officers and vacancies on the Committee may be handed to the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting.

- i) In the event of more nominations than vacant posts a confidential vote may be taken.

5. BUSINESS MEETINGS

- a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held by the end of November each year on a date fixed by the Committee at least six weeks beforehand. Notice of any resolution shall be handed or sent to the Secretary at least two weeks beforehand. The agenda will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting but copies may be obtained from the Secretary in advance of the meeting.
- b) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include:
 - i) Chairperson's Report
 - ii) Treasurer's Report
 - iii) Election of Officers
 - iv) Election of Committee members
 - v) Election of Honorary Auditor
 - vi) *Ratifying new* **Review of** subscription
- c) An Extra-Ordinary Meeting may be called at the request of at least ten members and notified to the Secretary. All members must be notified of such a meeting at least four weeks in advance of the meeting.

6. SUBSCRIPTION.

The subscription shall be set by the Committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting. The subscription will be levied annually.

7. DISSOLUTION AND AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

- a) The club may be dissolved or the Constitution amended by a two-thirds majority of those attending and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary Meeting. Members must be given at least four weeks' notice of such resolutions.
- b) In the event of dissolution, the assets of the club shall be disbursed to a similar group or walking charity agreed by a majority of the members present at the dissolution meeting.

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