

THE EAST STOUR SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Name of the Association shall be THE EAST STOUR SOCIETY (TESS).

1. The objects of the Society shall be:
 - a. to raise funds for the general benefit and welfare of East Stour and its inhabitants.
 - b. To provide and organise social events each year to which everyone in the village is invited, in order to encourage community spirit and village cohesion.
 - c. To make a yearly donation towards the Village Newsletter.
2. All inhabitants of the Parish of East Stour 18 years or over shall be deemed to be Members of TESS.
3. All the sums collected shall be handed to the Treasurer who shall pay the same into a bank account currently held with Lloyd's Bank, Gillingham. Cheques shall be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer.
4. The Society shall be administered by a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, 100 Club Organiser, the Society's Representative on the Village Hall Committee and Committee Members.
5. The Committee shall be empowered to fill any vacancy which may arise during the year and any such appointment shall continue until the next Annual General Meeting.
6. The Quorum of the Committee shall be six members of the committee.
7. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall continue until their successors are appointed.
8. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October.
9. In addition to the Annual General Meeting there shall be at least three other meetings of the Committee in each year. Special Meetings may be convened by the Secretary upon a request by the Committee or by three Members and such notice shall state the business to be considered at the Meeting.
10. At the Annual General Meeting, every member including the Chairman shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. The same arrangement shall operate at each meeting of the Committee.
11. The Society's Annual Report and Audited Accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.
12. The Society's financial year shall be the 1st October to the 30th September.
13. The Society can be discontinued by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting or at a specially convened Parish Meeting, due notice of which shall have stipulated the nature of the business to be considered at such a meeting.

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