

# **AYLESBURY GARDENING SOCIETY**

## **AMENDED RULES 2021**

### **RULE 1**

That this society be called THE AYLESBURY GARDENING SOCIETY. Full membership to be confined to residents of HP19, 20 and 21. Associate members may be admitted if they live outside this area. All membership to be at the discretion of the Committee.

### **RULE 2**

That the object of the Society include:

- a) Educational advice amongst its members relating to horticulture
- b) Co-operative system for purchase of seeds, fertilizers and garden requisites
- c) Holding Annual produce show and other social events

### **RULE 3**

- a) That the Officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees. Such Officers and a Committee to be elected at the Annual General Meeting and to have the power to fill any vacancy that may arise, Ancillary Officers shall be appointed by the General Committee. Honorariums for all the Officers shall be decided by the General Committee.
- b) The Trustees for the time being shall be not less than 3 and not more than six members to be appointed as Trustees of the Society. Such trustees shall not retire automatically each year but in the event of death, retirement or expulsion of any member acting as Trustee, a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed at the next ensuing Annual General Meeting or at any earlier Special Meeting of the Members.

- c) The Committee shall consist of 21 Members, one third of whom shall retire each year after having served for three years unless they have been elected to fill a vacancy carrying a lesser term of Office. A Quorum shall be seven Committee Members.
- d) Life Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting and shall be entitled to all the privileges and facilities of ordinary Members. Vice-Presidents shall be elected for a three year period. The persons appointed shall usually be elected after 10 years on the Committee or for meritorious service to the Society or to Horticulture in general. At the AGM a member can be voted to be an Honorary Life Member, then be promoted to Life Vice-President after further service.
- e) Any Officer or Committee Member shall be removed at the will and pleasure of the Members.

## RULE 4

Subscriptions shall fall due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January each year. All new Members shall be asked to pay a joining fee and the Annual Subscription. Any Member having failed to renew his Subscription by 31<sup>st</sup> March following the 1<sup>st</sup> January when the Subscription shall fall due will be deemed to have left the Society. Subscription Fee to be set at a General Committee meeting.

## RULE 5

All Members must produce proof of their Membership when purchasing goods. Members may only purchase for their own needs. Membership cards are not transferable.

## RULE 6

The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year for the purpose of electing Officers for the ensuing year, the submission of the yearly financial statement and transaction of such other business as may be necessary. Nominations for all Officers and Committee

Members to be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

## RULE 7

That on a requisition signed by no less than ten Members, the Secretary be empowered to call a special Meeting of Members of the Society.

## RULE 8

That no alteration or additions may be made to these rules otherwise than at the Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting. One months' notice in writing to be given to the Secretary of the proposed alterations.

## RULE 9

That in the event of the funds of the Society becoming exhausted, a levy be made to make up any deficiency in the accounts, including liability for rent or otherwise under the lease of the Society's Headquarters. Such shall be made on the whole of the Members for the current year but if made at an Annual General Meeting held after the expiration of any year of the Society then on the whole of the Members for the year immediately past.

## RULE 10

- a) A resolution to dissolve the Society shall only be proposed at a Special Meeting called for that purpose and shall only be carried by a majority of at least 70% of the Members present: 20 Members will form a quorum.
- b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution being passed at the meeting and the Members of the Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Society

c) Any property remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Society shall be given to a registered Gardening related charity or charities nominated by the last Committee, but in the event of them failing to make any nomination then to such a registered Gardening related Charity or Charities as shall be decided at the aforesaid Special Meeting. No Member of the Society shall receive any of the said property by virtue of their Membership. The payment of any sums to the nominated Charity or Charities shall not become due or payable until such time as the Committee is satisfied that all debts and liabilities have been discharged.