

## **STONESFIELD GARDENING CLUB CONSTITUTION**

The Association shall be called the “Stonesfield Gardening Club”.

The object of the Association shall be the encouragement and enjoyment of horticulture.

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in gardening on payment of the appropriate annual subscription. Subscriptions are due in December to be paid by the end of each calendar year. However to allow time for collection membership shall remain valid until the February AGM. New members joining in November or December shall have these months included in the following year's membership. The committee shall have the power to decide the annual fee as necessary.

The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee comprising the officers of the Association.

The following officers, all of whom shall be honorary, shall be elected annually in General Meeting (AGM): Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and such other as deemed necessary.

The Committee may co-opt members to serve as full Committee members until the next AGM.

The General Committee may appoint Assistants to Officers from its members.

The General Committee shall meet regularly as appropriate.

The financial year of the Association shall end on 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year and the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts shall be presented at the next meeting.

The Treasurer shall have prime responsibility for all monies and assets of the association. At AGM he/she will report on any payments made or alterations to the assets and liabilities since the date of the last meeting.

All monies shall be banked in the name of the Stonesfield Gardening Club. At the end of each financial year, the committee shall allocate funds to village clubs or local charities should a sufficient surplus be held.

In the event of the Club winding up and ceasing to run any monies left unused to be divided between village clubs for the good of those clubs as decided by the Committee.

The General Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules including withdrawing membership. No alterations to these Rules shall be made except at the AGM and then only with the consent of two thirds of the members present.