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Name

1. The Society shall be named Grayshott Gardeners.

Object

2. The objects of the Society shall be:
 - (i) To encourage and improve the knowledge, skills and practice of gardening.
 - (ii) To organise discussions, lectures, shows, exhibitions, outings and social events.
 - (iii) To contribute to the life of Grayshott village and it's community

Membership

3. Membership of the Society shall be open to Residents of Grayshott, Hindhead and adjacent parishes.

Management

4. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Chair, an Hon. Secretary and an Hon. Treasurer to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All Officers to hold office for the following calendar year.
5. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Officers of the Society and a Committee of four members to be elected at the A.G.M. for appointment for the following calendar year. At the Meetings of the Committee, two officers and three members of the Committee shall form a quorum. Sub-committees to handle specific projects or issues within the Society may be formed by the Committee. A sub-committee shall include one member of the Committee as a minimum and may include non-members.
6. The Officers and Committee shall retire annually. The Officers of the Society shall be eligible for re-election. Committee Members who have served for three consecutive years shall not normally be eligible for re-election until a year has passed but in exceptional

circumstances may be asked to continue in service at the request of the Society's membership at the A.G.M. Nominations of Officers and Members of the Committee shall be submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary at least three weeks prior to the AGM. If there are not enough written nominations, nominations may be taken at the A.G.M.

Subscriptions

7. Every member of the Society shall pay the annual subscription decided at the preceding A.G.M. which shall be payable at the time of joining and thereafter in January of each year. Any Member who has not paid the annual subscription by end February following will be deemed to have surrendered membership. The membership rate will be reduced to half from 1st July for any new members wishing to join for the remainder of the year.
8. Non-members of the Society may be admitted to Club events for an admission fee to be determined for each event by the Committee.

Finances

9. The Society's financial year shall be from 1st October to 30th September.
10. The Society shall maintain a banking account or accounts and monies received by the Hon. Treasurer shall be paid into such account or accounts.
11. All cheques shall be signed by the Hon. Treasurer or by the Hon. Secretary of the Society or in their absence by another appointed committee member.

General Meetings

12. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in November of each year.
13. A special General Meeting may be called by the Officers and Committee or upon the request of twenty members of the Society, to the Chair, in writing. Such Special General Meetings shall be convened within three to five weeks of

receipt of the request and twenty one days notice shall be given to Members.

14. At the A.G.M. the Annual Report of the Committee, the Statement of Accounts and audited Balance Sheet shall be submitted and the Officers and the Committee of the Society shall be elected – by ballot if necessary. Items for discussion, shall be submitted to the Secretary, in writing, at least three weeks prior to the AGM.

Amendments to the Constitution

15. This Constitution may be amended only at the A.G.M. by a two thirds majority of those present at such a meeting. Notice of Amendments must be given to the Secretary, in writing, by 1st September. The proposed Amendment shall be stated on the notice convening the Meeting.

Life Membership

16. Any member of the Society who has served three years as President will be granted a Life Membership and will not be required to pay the annual subscription.

Honorary Membership

17. Any person who has rendered distinguished service to the Society may be elected as an honorary member by the Membership, at an A.G.M, upon the recommendation of the Committee. An honorary member will not be required to pay the annual subscription.

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