CONSTITUTION

- 1. The Club shall be known as 'Elmswell Cricket Club'.
- 2. The object of the Club shall be the playing and promotion of the game of cricket.
- 3. Membership
- 3.1 The Club shall comprise a President, Vice-Presidents, Life Members, playing members and non-playing members.
- 3.2 Membership shall be open to all and the Club shall operate consistent with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, i.e. by ensuring that it does not discriminate against anyone because of
 - ◆ age
 - ♦ being or becoming a transsexual person
 - ♦ being married or in a civil partnership
 - being pregnant or having a child
 - ◆ disability
 - race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin
 - religion, belief or lack of religion/belief
 - ♦ sex
 - sexual orientation
- 4. Officers of the Club shall be Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Fixture Secretary. The officers to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. These posts may be combined.
- 5. Management Committee
- 5.1 Management of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee which shall have full control over the funds of the Club.
- 5.2 The Management Committee shall comprise the officers (as per paragraph 4 above) plus Club Captain and Child Welfare Officer together with up to three other members.
- 5.3 The Chairman and Hon. Secretary shall act in those capacities in respect of the running of the Management Committee. The Chairman to have the power of the casting vote if necessary.
- 5.4 All on the Management Committee shall be paid-up members of the Club.

- 5.5 Four members must be present to form a quorum.
- 5.6 The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt members and to appoint any sub-committees or working groups as necessary.
- 5.7 The Management Committee shall meet at least twice a year.
- 6. Team selection shall be the responsibility of the Captain and Vice-Captain of the appropriate team.

7. Finances

- 7.1 Responsibility for Club funds shall rest, on a day -to-day basis, with the Hon.

 Treasurer who shall provide a written report, regarding both transactions and the latest position on Club funds, to each meeting of the Management Committee
- 7.1 Club funds shall be banked by the Hon. Treasurer at a bank approved by the Management Committee.
- 7.2 All cheques on behalf of the Club shall be signed by the Hon. Treasurer.
- 7.3 The Club's financial year shall end annually on 31 October.
- 7.4 The Club's accounts shall be audited by a person who is external to and thereby not a member of the Club.
- 8. Annual General Meeting
- 8.1 A general meeting of the Club shall be held annually before 31 December for the purpose of receiving annual reports, statements of accounts and the election of officers and the Management Committee.
- 8.2 Only those who have paid their annual subscriptions, together with Life Members of the Club, shall be eligible to vote at the meeting.
- 8.3 A quorum of seven members must be present before any meeting can commence and voting take place.
- The annual subscriptions and match fees shall be fixed at the annual general meeting and the annual subscription shall become payable by the first game of the season.

- An extraordinary general meeting may be convened at any time at the request of the Management Committee or at the written request of seven members. At least seven calendar days notice shall be given of any such meeting.
- 9. The Management Committee shall have full power to take disciplinary action against any member breaching the Club's Constitution or for ungentlemanly conduct.

10. Insurance

- 10.1 The Club's liability in respect of personal injury or damage to property shall not exceed that which is covered by the Club's insurance policies.
- 10.2 Only those who have paid their annual subscription in full, and are thereby Club members, shall be eligible to seek any possible reimbursement or other redress under the Club's insurance policies.
- 11. Sponsorship may be obtained either for the Club as a whole or aspects thereof.
- 12. Annual Awards
- 12.1 Playing awards will be made each year. The qualification rules for such awards shall be determined at the annual general meeting and only amended by the same.
- 12.2 Only those who are Life Members and those who have paid their annual subscriptions, in full, shall be eligible and/or able to vote for Club awards.
- 12.3 Unless or until the qualifications are altered, eligibility criteria shall be as follows:
 - ♦ Batting minimum of 50% of innings played against formal Club sides
 - ♦ Bowling minimum of 50 overs bowled against formal Club sides
 - ◆ Fielding minimum of 50% of games played against formal Club sides
 - Players' Player of the Year minimum of 50% of games played against formal Club sides
 - ◆ Junior Player of the Year 16 years old or under and minimum of 30% of games played against formal Club sides
 - ◆ Clubman of the Year both playing member and non-playing member
- 12.4 Batting and bowling awards shall be based upon Club averages against the stated eligibility criteria for each.
- 12.5 All other awards shall be determined by the voting by members, i.e. Life Members, playing members and non-playing members.

13. The Constitution shall only be altered at an annual general meeting or, exceptionally, by a resolution to do otherwise passed at the annual general meeting.

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