

S.H.A.G.S Annual General Meeting – 11th August 2021 – 7.30pm
Proposed Amendments to the Society Rules

DRAFT CHANGE TO RULE 3: MEMBERSHIP: FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY THE AGM.

Proposed changes marked in red.

Proposal to add a category of Essential member to enable members without a plot to perform an essential role for the Society:-

3. Membership: The Society shall consist of the following:

- a) **Full/Essential Members:** Those persons **either** renting allotment plots managed by the Society, **or performing an essential role for the Society but** resident within the **AL5 postcode area**. Such persons shall have full voting rights, and be entitled to all facilities offered by the Society.

DRAFT CHANGE TO RULE 7: TENANCIES & PLOT RENTALS: FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY THE AGM.

Proposed changes marked in red.

An additional point to be added in list showing conditions that form part of the tenancy Agreement:-

- b) **Not remove any produce from another plot without the express permission of the other plotholder.**

DRAFT CHANGE TO RULE 8: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY THE AGM.

Proposed changes marked in red.

An additional point to be added to reference to the Society Termination Procedure – shown in red below.

8. Termination of Membership: If a member breaks a rule of the Society, membership, and therefore plot tenancy, may be terminated on 30 days written notice providing that in such written notice the Secretary shall have informed the member that the member has broken a rule of the Society and the member shall have been given 30 days from the date of the termination notice in which to remedy the situation.

All plots are inspected at the end of May and July. Plot holders of plots not showing evidence of cultivation at those times to the satisfaction of the Site Representative may receive an "Improvement letter", detailing measures the Society deems necessary to bring the plot back to cultivation. Failure to act on such letters within the timescale set out in the letter may result in the Society terminating a Tenancy. Such termination shall be in writing. **(See also Society Termination procedure)**

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DRAFT CHANGE TO RULE 10: STRUCTURES: FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY THE AGM.

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An additional point to be added to clarify that there can only be one structure per plot

- Only **one** structure (Shed, Polytunnel or Pond) is allowed on any one plot.

DRAFT CHANGE TO RULE 11: OFFICERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY THE AGM.

Proposed changes marked in red.

Proposal to add the Deputy Chairman as an additional Trustee. Amendment in point a) shown below in red.

11. Officers:

- a) The Officers of the Society shall be a President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Chairman, Letting Secretary, Distribution Manager, Communications Officer and Webmaster, Machinery Manager Awards Officer and a Newsletter Editor. All Officers shall be honorary. The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer **and Deputy Chairman** shall be the Trustees named in the agreement with the Harpenden Town Council and they shall, when practicable, attend all meetings convened by the said Council which affect the interests of the Society

DRAFT CHANGE TO RULE 11: OFFICERS: FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY THE AGM.

Proposed changes marked in red.

An additional paragraph in point 15 to cover the online bank transfers now undertaken by the Treasurer.

15. Funds: The Society shall open banking accounts in the name of the Society with such banks as the Committee may select and all moneys received on behalf of the Society shall be paid into such accounts.

The Treasurer can pay the general running costs of the society (i.e. utilities, regular suppliers, claims from committee member with receipts) by online bank transfer. All such payments will be reported in the monthly Treasurers report to the committee.

The AGM is invited to approve these new Rules.

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