



## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Name**

1. The group shall be known as 'The Ditsum Players'

### **Object**

2. The object of the Group shall be to present plays, pantomimes and other dramatic productions. To encourage an interest in drama and its subsidiary arts amongst the residents of the Parish of Dittisham and local community.

### **Membership**

3. An initial meeting will be held of prospective members of the Group, and at that meeting a Committee will be appointed comprising a Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer and three other elected members.
4. On payment of an annual subscription any person may become a 'Friend of Ditsum Players'
5. The Committee shall have the power to delete the name of a Friend of Ditsum Players if the annual subscription remains unpaid after proper notice and reminders, or whose conduct, with regard to any aspect of the group's affairs is deemed to be detrimental to the welfare of the Group.

### **FINANCE**

6. The Treasurer shall keep a proper book of account of all monies received and expended as authorised by the Committee. Accounts for each year ending March 31st shall be prepared, audited and presented at the Annual General Meeting.

7. Subscriptions shall be determined from year to year and proposed at the Annual General Meeting on recommendation from the retiring Committee. The Committee has the discretion to waive or reduce subscriptions in particular cases.
8. Subscriptions shall become due from 1<sup>st</sup> May in each year.
9. The Committee shall propose and appoint an Honorary Auditor at the Annual General Meeting who shall audit and approve the accounts prior to their adoption by the following Annual General Meeting.

### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

10. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Group to be held within five months of the financial year end, at such date, time and place to be decided by the Committee when the Chairman shall present a report on the proceeding years' activities and the Treasurer, a statement of accounts.
11. A Special General Meeting of the Group may be called at any time by the Committee and shall called by the Secretary within four weeks of receiving a request signed by not fewer than six members, stating the business to be put before the meeting.
12. All members present at a meeting called by the Group shall have a vote on any resolution or election. In the event of a tie, The Chairman shall have the casting vote.
13. This Constitution may only be altered or amended in any way at a Committee Meeting. The Proposer and Seconder to any proposed alteration or amendment must be received by the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.
14. In the event of the Group ceasing to exist, the Committee must call a Special General Meeting of the Group to decide on the disposal of any assets the Group may have. In any event the assets must be distributed for the benefit of other activities held within the Parish of Dittisham which are available to all its residents.

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