



# Ditsum Players Constitution

As revised at a special meeting on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024

## NAME

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

## OBJECTIVES

2. The objectives of the Group shall be to perform plays, pantomimes and other dramatic productions and to encourage an interest in drama and its subsidiary arts amongst the residents of the Parish of Dittisham and the local community.
3. At each Annual General Meeting the members of the Group will appoint a Committee from which a Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and, if deemed necessary, up to three other Committee members will be elected.
4. Any person may become a member of the Group upon acceptance that their details will be included in the Players' contact list. This list will be used solely for the purpose of marketing productions and other communications associated with Ditsum Players. Should there be an annual subscription to become a member the fee will be decided by the committee.
5. The Committee shall have the power to delete the name of a member whose conduct with regard to any aspects 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 by the Group. Accounts for each year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> shall be prepared and laid before the Group at an Annual General Meeting.
7. The Group shall 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.
8. There shall be two Committee Officers named on the bank mandate and, from the Players' bank account, the committee shall be responsible for the receipt and dispersal of all monies associated with events held under the Players name.
9. The Players will provide the finance to stage the upfront costs and expenses required to stage a production. And any net profit from a production will be donated to Dittisham Village Hall and or charity nominated by the play Organisers. Notwithstanding 25% minimum of any net profit will be donated to Dittisham Village Hall.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

10. There shall be an Annual General Meeting within 3 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 preceding year's activities and the Treasurer a statement of accounts.
11. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee and shall be called by the Secretary within four weeks of receiving a request of 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 one 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 General Meeting of the Group. The names and Proposer and Seconder to any proposed alteration or amendment must be received by the Secretary at least fourteen 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 or establishments within the Parish of Dittisham which are available to all residents.