

# GOTHERINGTON PETANQUE CLUB CONSTITUTION

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1. NAME The name of the club is the Gotherington Petanque Club (G.P.C.)
2. OBJECTIVES To promote the playing of petanque in the Parishes.
3. AFFILIATION The Club will follow the rules of play of the English Petanque Association, although no longer affiliated.
4. MEMBERSHIP
  - 4.1 The club is open to residents over the age of 16 in the Parishes of Gotherington, Oxenton and Woolstone. **There will be no limit to the number of non-resident members as long as they are nominated by an existing member and accepted at the discretion of the committee majority.**
  - 4.2 Membership is denoted by the paying of a subscription.
  - 4.3 Membership numbers will initially be set by the committee and subsequently annually at the Annual General Meeting.
  - 4.4 Non members may play on the payment of £1 per session with a maximum of 2 sessions before full subscription becomes due.
  - 4.5 A member cannot be selected for matches or play in the annual tournaments unless their subscription has been paid.
  - 4.6 If a subscription is not paid by the end of May, membership ceases and is renewable only on the payment of a joining fee.
5. COMMITTEE
  - 5.1 The committee will initially be formed from a simple majority of those present at the inaugural meeting. Members so elected will stay in office until the Annual General meeting.
  - (Paras 5.2/5.3 approved at the AGM 20.3.2006) 5.2 The officers of the committee will be: Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Tournament Secretary.
  - 5.3 The committee will be not more than nine, including the officers. Close family members should not serve on the committee.
  - 5.4 The committee will meet as and when required to ensure that the best interests of the club are maintained.
  - 5.5 A quorum of the committee will be 4 with the Chairman holding the casting vote.
  - 5.6 The committee has the power to co-opt members to fill vacancies that occur between Annual General Meetings.
  - 5.7 No member of the committee will hold more than one official position at the same time.
  - 5.8 Committee members could serve for 2 years and then apply to serve again with elections by secret ballot.
6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
  - 6.1 The Secretary will, within two months after the end of the financial year, convene an Annual general Meeting (AGM)
  - 6.2 Notice of the AGM will be provided to members a clear 14 days before the meeting, together with the agenda.
  - 6.3 Only paid up members of the club may vote at the AGM.
  - 6.4 Subscription rates will be agreed for the ensuing year at the AGM and will be due for payment following agreement.

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7. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING    An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the committee at any time or by a requisition signed by at least 10 members. At least 14 days notice is required and the EGM must be held within 28 days of the requisition.
8. VOTING    The result of any vote shall be decided by:  
8.1 Other than for possible changes in the Constitution, by a simple majority of those entitled to vote and voting.  
8.2 Changes in the Constitution may only be altered at a General Meeting and by a two thirds majority of those present entitled to vote.  
8.3 In the event of a split vote the chairperson of the meeting will have the casting vote.
9. FINANCIAL YEAR    This year will coincide with the British Petanque Association membership renewal commencing 1<sup>st</sup> March.
10. FUNDS    10.1 All funds, apart from moneys to cover cash payments, will be held in a bank account.  
10.2 All receipts in excess of £50 will be banked within 7 days of receipt.  
10.3 All cheques will require two signatures of current officers.  
10.4 An auditor will be appointed at each AGM. He shall not be an officer of the club.  
10.5 The accounts for each year will be audited and presented to the AGM.  
10.6 The committee has the power to appoint the first auditor.
11. COMPETITIONS    All players representing the club in the league or other competitions are encouraged to wear the club's official colours. Members and players are expected to conform to BPA rules of play, conduct, behaviour and dress when playing in competitions under BPA rules.
12. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB    In the event of the dissolution of the club, the surplus funds will be transferred to such charity or charities decided by a General Meeting in its absolute discretion, after the following have been carried out:  
12.1 All expenses paid and any outstanding loans repaid.  
12.2 The current year's subscription refunded or such proportion as is available for disbursement.