

# WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 2004

## CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB

( As drafted January 2004 )

1. **Name.** The Club shall be called Wellingborough Town Football Club and shall be affiliated to the Northamptonshire Football Association.
2. **The objects.** The objects of the Club shall be to arrange and participate in association football matches and social activities for its members.
3. **Status of Rules.** These rules ( the Club Rules ) form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.
4. **Rules and regulations.**
  - (a) The Club shall have the status of an Affiliated Member Club of the Football Association by virtue of its affiliation to/membership of the Northamptonshire Football Association. The Rules and Regulations of the Football Association Ltd and parent County Association and any League or Competition to which the Club is affiliated for the time being, shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Club Rules.
  - (b) No alteration to the Club Rules shall be made other than at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
  - (c) The Club will strictly adhere to the Football Association's Child Protection Policies and procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti- Discrimination Policy.
5. **Club Membership.**
  - (a) Membership of the Club is available for persons over the age of 18 years A Register of Members to be maintained by the Secretary.  
Junior membership is available to those under 18 years of age. Junior members are not qualified to sit on any committees or have a vote at any meeting.
  - (b) Any person wishing to become a member must apply on a Membership Application Form and deliver it to the Club. Election to membership shall be at the sole discretion of the Club Committee. Membership shall become effective upon an applicants name being entered in the Membership Register.
  - (c) In the event of a member's resignation or expulsion his or her name shall be removed from the Membership Register.

## **6. Annual membership Fee**

- (a) An annual fee payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee. Any fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member. Fees shall not be repayable.
- (b) The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy further subscriptions from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil the objects of the Club

## **7. Resignation and Expulsion**

- (a) A member shall cease to be a member of the Club if, and from the date on which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of their resignation. A member whose annual membership fee, or further subscription, is more than 2 months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.
- (b) The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member when in their opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Club for them to remain a member. There shall be no appeals procedure.
- (c) A member who resigns or is expelled shall not be entitled to claim any, or a share of any, of the Club Property.

## **8. Club Committee.**

- (a) The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers.

**Chairperson      Vice Chairperson**

**Treasurer /Assistant Treasurer.      Secretary/Assistant Secretary.**

**Five other members.**

**All of these persons shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting**

- (b) Each Club Officer and Club Committee member shall hold office from the date of appointment for a three year period unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting. One person may hold no more than two positions of Club Officer at any one time. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club. Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Chairperson of the Club Committee Meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. Meetings of the Club Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson or, in their absence, the Vice Chairperson. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be three.
- (c) Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Club Secretary.

- (d) Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than seven days notice to all members of the Club Committee. The Club Committee shall hold not less than six meetings a year.
- (e) An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Club Committee which arises between Annual General meetings shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Club Committee members.
- (f) Save as provided for in the rules and regulations of the Football Association and the County Association to which the Club is affiliated, the Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club rules.

### **9. Annual and Special General Meeting**

- (a) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in August each year.
  - (1) To receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year.
  - (2) To receive a report of the Club's finances over the previous year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March.
  - (3) Elect members of the Club Committee.
  - (4) Consider any other business.
- (b) Nominations for election of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder, both of whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the A.G.M.  
Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the Meeting.
- (c) A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be called at any time by the Club Committee and shall be called within 21 days of the receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition, in writing, signed by not less than 25 members stating the purpose for which the Meeting is required and the resolutions proposed. Business at a SGM may be any business that may be transacted at an AGM.
- (d) The Secretary shall provide clear, written notification of the date, time and venue of a General Meeting by exhibiting a poster on the Club's official notice board in the Clubhouse, together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 21 days before the Meeting.
- (e) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be five persons.
- (f) The Chairperson, or in their absence, a member selected by the Club Committee shall take the chair, Each member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of equality of votes the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

- (g) The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall enter minutes of the General Meetings of the Club into the Minute Book of the Club.

#### **10. Club Teams.**

At its first meeting following the AGM, the Club Committee shall appoint a Club member to be responsible for each of the Club's football teams. The appointed members shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the team and liaising closely with the respective team managers. The appointed members shall present to the Club Committee at its last meeting prior to the AGM a written report of the activities of the team.

#### **11. Club Finances.**

- (a) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (the Club Account). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Chairperson, the Club Secretary and the Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by cheque signed by two of the three designated signatories. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.
- (b) The income and assets of the Club (the Club Property) shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club.
- (c) The Club Committee shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and/or expenses to any member of the Club and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.
- (d) The Club shall prepare and submit an independently audited Statement of Accounts for approval.
- (e) The Club Property, other than the Club Account, shall be vested in not less than two and no more than four custodians, one of whom shall be the Treasurer ( the Custodians) who shall deal with the Club Property as directed by the decisions of the Club Committee and entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence of such a decision.
- (f) The Custodians shall be appointed by the Club in a General Meeting and shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution passed at a General Meeting.
- (g) On their removal or resignation a Custodian shall execute a conveyance in such form as is published by the Football Association from time to time to a newly elected Custodian, or the existing custodian, as directed by the Club Committee. On the death of a Custodian any Club Property invested in them shall vest automatically in the surviving Custodians. If there is only one surviving Custodian a Special General Meeting shall be convened as soon as possible to appoint another Custodian.

(h) The Custodians shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the Club Property for all expenses and other liabilities reasonably incurred by them in performing their duties.

## **12. Dissolution.**

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present.
- (b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Club Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.
- (c) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to the parent Association who shall determine how the assets shall be utilised for the benefit of the game. Alternatively, such assets may be disposed of in such other manner as the members of the Club, with the consent of the parent Association, shall determine.