

TGC - Pre 2023 AGM Mailing/website Document

Agenda Item 14 - Constitutional Amendments

Our 'Constitution' (which we refer to as RULES - see green card) was last updated 38 years ago, in 1985, and we need to make some changes. Nothing fundamental, but we need to comply and conform with changed legislation and your committee would like to propose the following amendments:

- *Name Change - For practical reasons as well as SEO (Search Engine Optimisation - improving our web-presence), we want to incorporate the name 'Tettenhall Gardening Club', formally into the club name 'Tettenhall & District Horticultural Society' in the form of: 'Trading As'.*
- *Vice President - For many years there has not been a 'Vice President' for our club so it makes sense to drop 'requirement' as a 'Must Have' in our constitution.*
- *Committee Members - Current rules state that we need a minimum number of committee members of 20! (that would currently be around a third of the total membership. So, for practical reasons we would suggest for this minimum to be reduced to '8'. A quorum at committee meetings to remain at '5', with 'The Chair' holding a casting vote.*
- *AGM Date - To be formally agreed to take place in February each year, instead of "shall be held in January".*
- *Not for Profit - It has become necessary for the club to be formally recognised as a 'Not for Profit Organisation', within our constitution, to be able to qualify for certain grants and/or subsidies (of our garden trips). This is not really a change, but formal recognition of that fact.*

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