

THE WORTHY PLAYERS

CONSTITUTION

1. The Society shall be called “The Worthy Players”.
2. This Constitution specifies the rules applicable to the Society and shall be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
3. The object of the Society is to stimulate interest in the amateur theatre.
4. The Officers of the Society shall be: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
5. The Committee shall consist of the Officers and 4 other members as elected by the Society, whose duties shall be determined at the first committee meeting following the AGM. Other members may be co-opted as necessary.
6. The 4 Committee members shall retire annually at the AGM but shall be eligible for re-election at the same meeting. Nominations for Committee may be submitted prior to or during the AGM by current paid-up members of the Society. All nominations must be endorsed by the nominee that they are prepared to stand, and in what capacity. Only current paid-up members of the Society may take part in Committee elections.
7. The Officers shall be elected for a 2 year period. The Chairman and Secretary should not, if possible, retire in the same year, in the interests of maintaining continuity.
8. Producers of forthcoming plays shall have an ex-officio right to attend committee meetings at which it is intended to deal with matters concerning their production.
9. Committee Meetings shall be held as frequently as deemed necessary by the Chairman, but there shall be not less than one meeting between productions.
10. Subscriptions shall be determined and reviewed annually at the AGM and shall be due in advance on 1st February for the coming year.
11. Ticket prices for the coming year shall be agreed annually at the AGM.
12. Should it become necessary, the expulsion of paid-up members from the Society shall rest solely with the Committee.
13. The Financial Year of the Society shall commence on 1st January.
14. A minimum of three signatories are required for all bank and deposit accounts containing funds of the Society. These shall include the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer plus one of the other signatories shall be required to sign each cheque for withdrawals from any such account.
15. The authorisation of expenditure delegated to the Treasurer shall be limited to a maximum of £500 for any single transaction. Any transactions exceeding this figure must be referred to the elected committee for authorisation. All expenditure shall also be subject to the other provisions of this Constitution.

16. Any interest received from bank accounts or other financial investments should be paid to the Society without deduction of tax, as the Society has a separate identity from its members and no individual member will benefit from any interest earned.
17. The AGM of the Society shall be held in the month of January, when the Accounts for the past year shall be presented, the Committee for the following year elected, and all general business transacted.
18. The Committee may appoint sub-committees and may delegate to such sub-committees any of the Committee's powers. The previous year's Committee shall continue to hold office until the conclusion of the AGM, at which point the newly elected Committee shall assume their appointments.
19. The Committee shall be responsible for approving productions to be performed by the Society and for appointing a producer for each production. The cast and chorus for any Society production shall be selected by the nominated producer for that production in accordance with guidelines set by the Committee.
20. Photographs for the Society may be taken of performances, rehearsals, other Society activities or of members for use in programmes. These may be published on the Society's website and used elsewhere for publicity or archive purposes. Any member not wishing to appear in these photographs must inform the committee prior to taking part in any Society show or activity.
21. The Committee shall have the power to decide on the resolution of any questions arising out of this Constitution and on all other matters connected with the Society, excepting those defined herein which can only be dealt with by the Society in General Meeting.
22. Amendments to this Constitution can only be made by consent of the majority of the membership of the Society at the AGM or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Special General Meetings can be called at the request of any currently paid-up member of the Society provided that the proposal to call a meeting is seconded by a similarly paid-up member. All Society members must be given a minimum of 14 days notice for the AGM and any Special General Meetings.