

THE OLD BLOXHAMIST SOCIETY

RULES (the “Rules”)

1. Name and Objects

The Society shall be called The Old Bloxhamist Society (the “**Society**”) and its objects are:

- a. To promote the best interest of All Saints School, Bloxham (the “**School**”),
- b. To foster social contact between its members and between its members and the School,
- c. To organise the Society’s functions, including formal dinners and informal gatherings; to arrange sports fixtures against the School and such other teams, Clubs and Societies, and to participate in such open and other competitions as may be approved by the Committee.
- d. To act as a guardian of the School's ethos and legacy.

2. Membership

Any former pupil of the School, past member of the School Council or Common Room or ex-members of the School’s governing body shall be a Full Member of the Society and shall be entitled to wear the Society’s colours. Other persons on accepting the Committee’s invitation to become an Honorary Full Member shall enjoy the privileges of Full Membership of the Society without having any voting rights and shall be entitled to wear the Society's colours. All present members of the School Council, Common Room and members of the School's governing body shall automatically be an Honorary Full Member of the Society.

Notes:

- a. The Committee shall only be entitled to invite a person to accept Honorary Full Membership provided that two-thirds of the elected members are present at the Committee meeting and that the vote is unanimous.
- b. The Committee shall have power to discipline a member whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Committee have been unfit for a member. The Honorary Secretary shall give such member seven days’ written notice inviting him/her to have recourse to a Disciplinary Panel and shall inform him/her of the complaint or complaints made against him/her. The Disciplinary Panel’s sanction may include suspension and in extreme cases expulsion from the Society. The Disciplinary Panel's decision shall be communicated to the member within seven days of the Disciplinary Panel's hearing. The member may appeal in writing to the Honorary Secretary against the findings of the Disciplinary Panel within one calendar month of the decision and a further hearing shall take place with an Appeals Panel within one month of the appeal being made. The Appeals Panel’s decision on the question of sanction shall be final and shall be communicated in writing to the member within seven days of the Appeals Panel's hearing. Any member so expelled shall not be entitled to any refund, in whole or in part, of any subscription that may have been paid to the Society. A Disciplinary Panel and Appeals Panel shall each comprise of three members of the Society chosen by the Committee, of whom at least one shall be a member of the Old Bloxhamist Society Committee. Each panel shall comprise of three different members of the Society.

3. Subscriptions

Subscriptions shall be set by the Committee in agreement with the School. Subscriptions will be collected by the School at its discretion prior to the pupil leaving. The Committee shall have the power to cede subscriptions to the School dependent on there being an agreed contractual obligation on the School to administer and support the Society's Objects, as defined in clause 1 above.

Should there be no contractual obligation on the School to support the Society's Objects, as defined in clause 1 above then the subscriptions shall be paid by the School to the Society.

4. Officers

The Officers of the Society (the "**Officers**") shall consist of the President, Vice-President(s), the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer (if appointed), the Resident Secretary and the Alumni And Development Officer. All of these positions shall be honorary, except for those of the Resident Secretary and the Alumni And Development Officer.

5. Management

- a. The Society shall be managed by a Committee comprising the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer (if appointed), the Resident Secretary and the Alumni And Development Officer and up to ten other Full Members, of whom two Officers and four other Full Members shall form a quorum (for five years from 23rd March 2024 the quorum shall be two Officers and thereafter it shall revert to two Officers and four other Full Members). The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees and to co-opt up to four other members if necessary.
- b. The Committee shall have the power to agree an operational relationship with the School that shall be documented and signed by the Chairman of the Society and the Headmaster of the School. This agreement or Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") shall define how the responsibilities and administrative operations of the Society are undertaken by the School and may be agreed for periods of up to five years. The MoU will state some or all of the following :
 - a. The usage of subscription income.
 - b. The events that the School will deliver for Old Bloxhamists and/or the Society.
 - c. The nature of the events.
 - d. The distribution of communications to members of the Society.
 - e. Such other matters that the School and Committee agree upon.
- c. The Committee shall review the operational status of the MoU annually at a Committee meeting (this clause will be suspended for five years from 23rd March 2024).

6. Election of Officers and Committee

The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer (if appointed), Resident Secretary and the Alumni And Development Officer shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") to hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-election. The other members of the Committee shall be elected at an AGM: one third of the elected members shall retire by rotation each year and shall be eligible for re-election. Any member of the Committee who has been co-opted during the year shall then be eligible to stand as a Full Member at the subsequent AGM. The election of Officers and Committee shall be suspended for five years from 23rd March 2024.

7. President and Vice-Presidents

The President and Vice President(s) shall be elected for life. They are honorary positions with no duties attached, bestowed by the Membership in recognition of a member's dedicated or exceptional service to the Society. A Vice President can also be an ex-officio position.

New Presidents and Vice Presidents can be proposed by the Committee, and then must be approved by the Membership at an AGM or at an Extraordinary General Meeting ("**EGM**") correctly convened.

Presidents and Vice Presidents wishing to stand down should notify the Committee of their intention, and this will be notified to the Membership at an AGM or EGM correctly convened.

The Committee may propose that a President or Vice-President be removed from office; this must then be approved by the Membership at an AGM or EGM correctly convened.

8. Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held once per annum on a date to be decided by the Committee, giving at least three weeks' notice to the Membership. The AGM shall be held at the School, although the Committee may choose an alternative location if prevailing circumstances would make this impractical; or it can be conducted using remote meeting technologies. This clause is suspended for five years from 23rd March 2024,

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by order of the Committee on the written request of not less than 50 Full Members of the Society. An EGM shall be held at the School or conducted using remote meeting technologies and within one calendar month of the request.

Ten Full Members, to include at least two Officers, shall form a quorum at an AGM or EGM of the Society .

The Honorary Secretary shall call a Committee Meeting at least once a year or at the written request of three members of the Committee. This clause is suspended for five years from 23rd March 2024,

9. Finance

The Committee will be responsible for the financial management of the Society and the disposition of its income and assets.

The Society's financial year shall run from the 1st August to the following 31st July. All moneys, securities and stocks belonging to the Society shall be administered by the Treasurer, or the Committee if no Treasurer has been appointed. The Committee shall prepare annual financial statements showing a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society at the balance sheet date and of the surplus or deficit of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date. The annual financial statements shall be examined by a person independent of the Committee and with the requisite ability and practical experience to carry out a competent examination of accounts, if requested by two or more Committee members.

10. Alteration of the Rules

No alteration shall be made to the Society's Rules unless approved by three-quarters of those present at an AGM or EGM of the Society.

These rules were duly adopted at the Society's Annual General Meeting on 23rd March 2024.