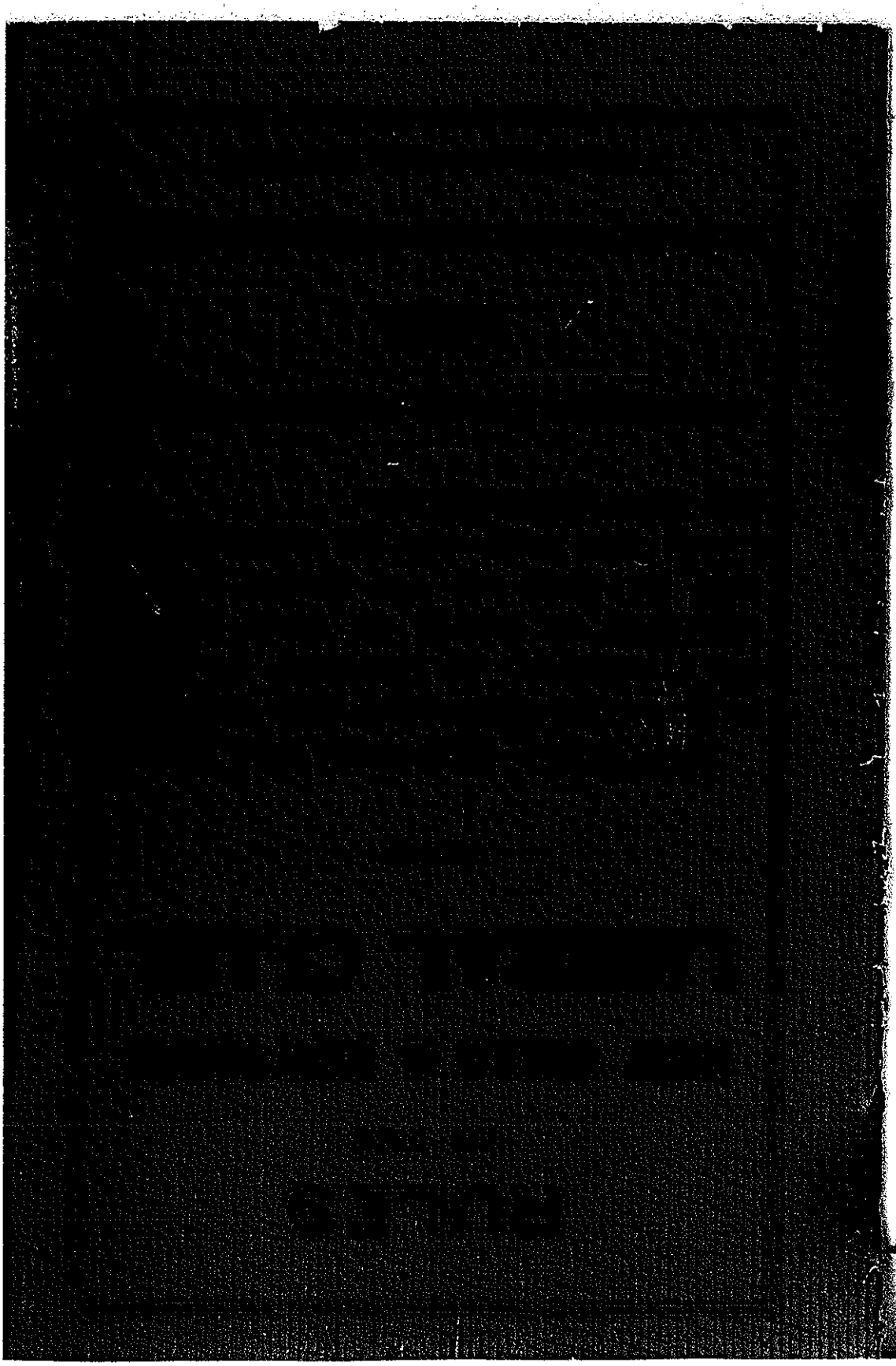

# NEW MILLS & NEWTOWN LIBERAL CLUB.

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# RULES.

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## Name and Object of the Club.

1. The name of the Club shall be the "NEW MILLS AND NEWTOWN LIBERAL CLUB." Its objects shall be to provide a place of resort for Liberals; to assist in the revision of the Lists and the registration of Local Government and Parliamentary Voters, and to promote the unity and increase the energy of all Workers for Liberal Principles.

## Property of Club.

2. The property and effects of the Club shall be vested in the names of not fewer than seven Trustees, to be elected by the members of the Club, and in case these Trustees shall be reduced to five, the vacancies shall be filled up by the members at a General Meeting.

## Management.

3. The management of the Club shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, Secretary, two Auditors, or one Auditor if certified, and twelve other Members, four to be elected annually by the Members of the Club. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month; five Members to form a quorum.

## Admission of Members.

4. Any person of known Liberal opinions not under eighteen years of age, may be elected a member of the Club. The names and addresses of persons proposed as members, with the names of the proposer and seconder, shall be inserted in a book to be kept for that purpose to be placed on the table of the Reading Room, at least three days before election The majority of Members of the Executive Committee may at any of their meetings accept or reject any person so proposed, and such person, if elected, must have paid his subscription and sign a declaration of adherence to Liberal Principles before being entitled to the benefits of the Club.

## Federated Members.

5. Persons possessing Cards of Membership of the Federation of Liberal Clubs, shall on

production of such Cards and also their Card of Membership of their parent Club, be entitled to the privilege of Honorary Membership of the Club, but shall not be entitled to vote.

## Subscriptions.

6, The minimum subscription for honorary members shall be 10/6 per annum, and for ordinary Members 5/- per annum, to be paid in advance. No Entrance Fee shall be payable. Persons may be made Temporary Members of the Club on payment of a Monthly Subscription of Sixpence, such persons to be enrolled by the Committee for the time being.

## Members in Arrears.

7. If the subscription of any member become in arrear more than one month, the Secretary shall send him a notice to that effect, and if he fail to pay the amount due, forthwith matter shall then be brought before the Committee, who shall suspend the defaulter until all subscriptions due have been paid.

## General Meeting.

8. A General Meeting of the Members shall be held in February and August, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the reception of the Report of the Committee, and the transaction of general business.

## Half-yearly Meeting.

9. The Half-Yearly Meeting in February shall be the Annual Meeting of the Club at which a report of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts shall be submitted to the Members, and the President Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Executive Committee, and Auditors shall be appointed for the ensuing year.

## Qualification for Voting, Nominating Officers, etc.

10. Every Member of the Club who has been a member thereof for six months prior to the Annual Meeting, and whose subscriptions shall not be in arrear, shall be eligible to nominate, to vote for, to serve on the Committee and to be an Officer of the Club, in each case having been duly nominated.

## Election of Officers and Committee.

11. Fourteen days prior to the holding of the Annual Meeting a Nomination List shall be exhibited in the Club, on which the names of every person proposed for election as officers or members of the Executive Committee shall be recorded, with the names of the proposer and seconder, in each case: the List to be closed three days prior to the Meeting. The Committee shall be elected by ballot, and the votes

counted by two or more scrutineers appointed by the Meeting. In case of a tie between any candidates, the Chairman shall be entitled to give a casting vote.

## Executive Committee.

12 A list of the names of the Executive Committee, with the attendances of each at the meetings of the Committee, shall be placed in the Reading Room fourteen days prior to the Annual Meeting

## Special General Meeting of the Members.

13 A Special General Meeeting of the members may be called by the Committee at any time, or on the requisition of twelve members of the Club. Seven days' notice to be given by the Secretary, who shall convene the Meeting. No business shall be transacted at such Meeting other than that set forth in the notice convening the same.

## Donations or Subscriptions.

14.. The Committee shall have power to apply a portion of the funds of the Club towards the expenses of any political purpose consistent with the objects of the Club.

## Suggestion Book.

15. A book shall be provided and placed in the Reading Room in which members may record complaints and suggestions which are designed to benefit the Club; such suggestions, &c., to be signed by the Members making the same.

## Promotion of Objects of Club.

16. To promote the objects of the Club the General Committee shall provide means of amusement, opportunities of social intercourse and also of political education, by discussions and lectures, and a Reading Room containing magazines, newspapers, etc.

## Expulsion of Unworthy Members.

17. Any member who shall be guilty of drunkenness, or shall use obscene or profane language, or who shall interfere with the comfort of the members, or whose public actions render him unworthy of the confidence of the members, or who is a member of any Conservative Club or other political Organisation, may be expelled by the votes of two thirds of the members of the Committee present at a meeting called for that purpose; such member to receive seven days' notice of the charges brought against him, and to have the right of appearing before the Committee to defend himself.

## Auditors.

18 Two Auditors shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting; if certified Auditor, one only to be elected.

## Hours of Opening.

19. The Club shall be open daily (Sundays excepted) to members, from 8 a m. to 12 p.m The Committee may vary these hours as and when they think necessary.

## Power of Trustees respecting the Property.

20. The Trustees shall have power to mortgage, let, and otherwise deal with the property vested in them, as the members of the Club or the Committee may direct, or as the Trustees in their discretion think best in the interest of the Members of the Club.

## Byelaws.

21. The Executive Committee may from time to time make byelaws, in order to carry out the objects of the Club. Such bye-laws must be strictly in accordance with the said rules.

## Adding to, Repealing, or Amending Rules.

22. All notices of motion to repeal or amend any of the Rules of the Club shall be posted

in the Club, not less than seven days prior to any Special or General Meeting at which the proposed amendment will be moved, such notice to be signed by the intended mover and seconder. No such amendment or alteration of Rule shall become effective unless passed by two thirds majority of a Meeting at which not less than thirty Members shall be present.

## Visitors and Members to sign Visitors Book.

23. A Book shall be kept in which the names and addresses of any visitors shall be entered, also signed by the members introducing same.

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