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CONSTITUTION
Of
**CAMELEY PLAYING FIELD
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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Constitution of the Cameley Playing Field Management Committee

1. THIS CONSTITUTION is created under the powers and authorities and discretion's taken by the Parish Council of Cameley in the Unitary Authority Bath & North East Somerset formerly in the County of Avon and previously in the County of Somerset by virtue of a Trust Deed dated the 12th July 1957 made on behalf of the Parish Council by Charles N Jack Clark and Norman Stewart Chivers

2. The Constitution relates to the use of the Cameley Playing Field vested in the Parish Council by a Deed of Conveyance dated the 23rd June 1954 and made between Arthur Henry Bennett (1) and the Parish Council (2)

3. The Cameley Playing Field has an area of approximately 4.5 acres and it is hereinafter referred to as 'the Field'

4. The Parish Council may after due consideration and discussion endorse or overrule any decision made by the Cameley Playing Field Management Committee

5. The Cameley Playing Field Management Committee shall be elected annually and the Council may allow the said fields or any part thereof or any building or buildings for the time being thereon or on any part thereof to be used for any of the purposes of this Deed as the Council shall determine either gratuitously or upon payment by any person persons trustees corporations society or other association of persons to whom the use of the said fields or buildings shall be granted or permitted either for his or her own benefit or for the benefit of others of such sums or sum of money in the nature of an entrance fee or a rent or other periodical payment or otherwise howsoever as the Council shall think fit for the purpose of providing either wholly or partly for or towards the costs charges expenses or outgoings of any kind of or incident to the user or maintenance of the said fields or any buildings for the time being thereon or on any part thereof for all or any of the purposes of this Deed

6. The first Cameley Playing Field Management Committee having been appointed by the Cameley Parish Council are those persons whose names addresses and signatures have been placed in the First Schedule to this Constitution who shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting of the Playing Field Management Committee to be held following the Annual Parish Meeting for the Cameley Parish Council in the year 1983. The Chairman Officers and Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election provided their consent has first been obtained

7. The Committee shall comprise a minimum of seven members and a maximum of ten members who shall be elected annually at the annual general meeting of the Playing Field Management Committee which meeting shall be advertised and open to all Parishioners of the Parish of Cameley. The Committee shall comprise :

Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be Officers of the Committee and members drawn the Sports Clubs hiring the fields and Parishioners of the Parish of Cameley.

8. A quorum shall be a simple majority of the Committee. The Committee has the power to co-opt non-voting members. A resolution shall be carried by a common majority of those present and voting. The Chairman shall have a second casting vote. Committee meetings shall be held quarterly or more frequently at the discretion of the Chairman or at the written request of any two members on giving not less than 21 days notice.

9. The Committee shall ensure representation at a Council Meeting at the Parish Councils' request. The Committee may, having given due notice to the Clerk prior to a Parish Council meeting, ask any question or for a debate on any matter governing the management and finances of the Field.

10. All matters relating to the general management of the Playing Field for the purpose of participation and spectator sports are subject to the general control over the use and occupation of the Playing Field to be dealt with by the Management Committee

11. The Committee shall administer its own funds but must make an annual report on its finances to the Parish Council. The books will be audited as part of the Parish Council books and the Committee shall open a current account at a recognised Bank or Building Society and all cheques on the Playing Field Management Committee account shall be signed by an Officer of the Playing Field Management Committee

12. The Parish Council may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Playing Field Management Committee at its discretion giving the Committee and public four days notice.

13. The Playing Field Management Committee shall not let sub let or purport to grant any tenancy or allow any person or corporation to occupy the Cameley Playing Field without the prior written consent of the Cameley Parish Council. Provided always that the Playing Field Management Committee may licence persons to occupy the Field for the purpose of playing games sports and other social recreational activities but the consent of the Parish Council must be obtained before admitting occupation by persons or bodies not mainly comprised of Parishioners of Cameley and surrounding districts. Occupation for events taking place or continuing after dusk are also subject to prior approval by the Parish Council. Occupations involving the creation of persistent noise will not be permitted by the Parish Council

14. The Committee may from time to time make or revoke rules provided they are not inconsistent with the spirit and intention of this Constitution subject however to the overriding consent of the Parish Council.

15. The Parish Council shall be the ultimate authority for the interpretation of the Constitution and its decisions shall be binding on the Committee and on any person or organisation with whom the Committee has any formal or informal contractual agreement. The Committee must inform such persons or organisations of this right of the Parish Council before entering into a contractual agreement and must obtain written acceptance thereof