



# East Sussex Morris Minor Club

## Rules and Objectives

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A few enthusiastic owners whose sole idea was to improve and preserve the marque formed the club, as a branch of the national club, in November 1982. On the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1998 the said club ceased to be part of the national and operated as an independent club. In 2015 a vote was taken and we once again joined the national club. The object of the club is to promote and preserve the Morris Minor (1948 – 1971) and to encourage members to engage in various club social activities. The main event is our annual rally. On club nights we discuss a variety of topics and enjoy a social gathering. The branch is a not-for-profit organisation.

### Rules

1. It will be assumed that all members have read these rules and agree to abide by them as a condition of membership. A copy of these rules will be given to every club member upon joining.
2. Subscriptions to be paid annually on 1<sup>st</sup> January. If subscription is not received by the last day of February, membership will be deemed to have lapsed. Subscriptions will be reviewed annually by the committee. A nominal fee may be levied to all club and associate members to cover the cost of room hire.
3. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the October club meeting. The existing committee will cease office but will be eligible for re-election, and the committee for the following year will be elected. Any club member with the other club member's approval may chair this meeting.
4. The quorum for a committee meeting shall be five.
5. Committee members may vote by proxy, if unable to attend in person, however their permission must be in writing and clearly signed.
6. On voting the chairman has the casting vote.
7. The club committee may elect a chairman and vice-chairman.
8. The committee shall have the power to expel or suspend any committee, club or associate member who, in their opinion, is guilty of a violation of the rules of the club or which render him or her (in the opinion of the committee) unfit for membership.
9. No member of the club shall use the club's name, facilities or logo, or in any other way take advantage of their membership, for personal or material gain. It will be assumed that any activity by a member that involves the club is done in the interest of the club and any material gain will be passed to the club as soon as it is practical. Any deviation in this rule must be approved by the committee and recorded in the minutes. To avoid conflict of interests, any club committee member with vested commercial interest in Morris Minors shall be requested to relinquish their position on the committee forthwith.
10. ESMMC is committed to the fair treatment of all people, be they members, members' families or visitors, regardless of age, disability, family or caring responsibilities, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion, or belief (including non-belief), sex, and sexual orientation, and all members are expected to adhere to this stance. The Club will take a zero-tolerance approach to bullying or harassment of any kind.
11. In the event of an individual member's behaviour or actions causing concern, a verbal warning will be issued on behalf of the Branch Committee by a designated branch official in the first instance. An opportunity will be provided for improvement to be made and progress towards this end will be monitored.

If no significant improvement is noted then a written warning from the Branch Committee will be issued stating the cause for concern, the fact that a verbal warning has already been issued and that if the problem persists then a further written letter terminating the individual's membership of the branch will be issued without any further prior notification.

In the event of a final letter being issued, the Branch Committee can, at their discretion, offer the individual an opportunity to have a personal hearing at a date, time and venue to be agreed when they can present their case and request the Branch Committee overturn their decision.

In the event of such a hearing being convened, in the interests of fairness and impartiality, that the Branch Committee may invite a MMOC official from another branch or area to join the panel and / or chair the meeting.

If the Committee determine that in the interest of the branch and the rest of the membership that the individual's membership should be terminated after this personal hearing, then no further appeal will be permissible. It will be at the discretion of the Branch Committee whether part, or all, of any subscription will be refunded.

12. Ten or more members, may by written notice, require the committee to convene an EGM.
13. Copies of the accounts will be submitted to the AGM.
14. In the event of the club winding up, all monies held by the club will be given to a nominated charity.

Agreed by the Committee on 28 January 2011  
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