

## Suffolk Guild of Ringers

### Rule changes to be considered at the AGM on 22 April 2017

The General Management Committee (GMC) have determined that it is desirable to amend and improve the Guild Rules through the following amendments which will be put to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Guild on 22 April 2017.

#### Rules relating to a Quorum

It is a matter of good governance to include a statement defining what level of attendance shall constitute a quorum.

**Guidance:** 'A quorum should be a small enough number to permit the business of the association to proceed, but large enough to prevent a small minority from abusing the right of the majority of the members by passing motions that do not represent the thinking of the majority'.

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Robert's Rules of Order are widely accepted as best practice.

#### AGM / SGM

Currently the Guild Rules do not define a quorum for AGM or SGM meetings.

**The proposal is:**

Insert at the end of Rule D 7 the sentence: *At any AGM or SGM a quorum shall be 5% of members eligible to vote.*

#### GMC

Currently the Guild Rules at J 9.1 (Committee Structure GMC) states: Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

**The proposal is:**

To amend Rule J 9.1 to: *Nine members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.*

#### Rule relating to Election of Members and Subscriptions – Non Resident Life Members (NRLM)

The GMC have determined that clarification at rule H5 is desirable to make it clear that an NRLM who seeks full / ringing membership following relocation to Suffolk can have that membership granted without election if they have previously held full / ringing membership; but otherwise needs to seek election.

**The proposal is:**

Replace rule H 5, with the two new paragraphs H 5.1 and H 5.2 as below.

5.1 Any person resident outside the Diocese who wishes to be associated with the Guild may be elected a Non-Resident Life Member. A one-off subscription is payable by such members.

5.2 Any Non-Resident Life Membership ceases if the member takes up residency within the Diocese. The person may become a Ringing Member, without re-election, provided that the person was previously elected as a Ringing Member. The person must then pay the appropriate subscription.