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RULES OF THE SOMERSHAM AND DISTRICT SMALLHOLDING AND ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED

AFFILIATED TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEISURE GARDENERS LIMITED,
22, HIGH STREET FLITWICK, BEDFORD MK45 1DT

NAME, OBJECTS, AND POWERS:

1.--Name.—The Name of the Society shall be Somersham and District Smallholding and Allotment Association Limited.

2.--Registered Office --The Registered Office of the Society shall be at 92 High Street, SOMERSHAM, Huntingdon, Cambs., PE17 3EH, in the County of Cambridgeshire.

3.--Removal of Office.—In the event of any change in the situation of the registered office, the Secretary shall send to the Registrar notice of such change within 14 days thereof in the form prescribed by the Treasury Regulations.

4.--Objects.—The objects of the Society shall be to carry on the industries, trades or businesses of:

(a) Creating and promoting the creation of small holdings and allotments and encouraging their proper cultivation; and

(b) Wholesale and retail dealers in horticultural and agricultural requirements, dairy, farm and garden produce, eggs and poultry, and other like goods, and such other industries, trades, or businesses which are calculated to conduce to the more profitable working of small holdings or allotments.

5.--Powers.—The Society shall have full power to do all things necessary or expedient for the accomplishment of its objects, including the power to deal in any way with land or buildings, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing shall in particular have power to acquire land from local authorities acting under the provisions of any Act for the time being in force relating to small holdings or allotments or from any other person or body, to adapt any land so acquired for small holdings or allotments, to acquire or erect dwelling houses or other buildings, to execute any other improvement, and to let such land, houses and buildings to members of the Society.

The Society shall not in their corporate capacity take part in any Parliamentary, County Council, Municipal, or other Local Government Elections.

USE OF NAME:

6.--Use of Name.--The Registered name of the Society shall be kept painted or affixed on the outside of every office or place in which the business of the Society is carried on, in a conspicuous position, in letters easily legible, and shall be engraven in legible characters on its seal, and shall be mentioned in all business letters of the Society, notices, advertisements, and other official publications of the Society, and in all bills of exchange, promissory notes, endorsements, cheques, and orders for money or goods, purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Society, and in all bills of parcels, invoices, receipts, and letters of credit of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP.

7.--Members.--The Society shall consist of such persons, societies or companies as the Committee may admit or has admitted to membership.

8.—Every member not being a society or company shall hold at least one share, and every member being a society or company shall hold at least five shares provided that, where a member is in occupation of land rented from or provided by the Society, he shall, subject to the limitation set out in the next following rule, hold at least shares of a nominal value equal to two years rent of the land in occupation.

9.--Limit of Member's Interest.--No member (other than a Society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893) shall hold an interest exceeding £500 in the shares of the Society.

10.--Subscriptions.--Members may be required to pay an annual subscription of such sum not exceeding 25p, as may be determined by the Committee, and should a member in accordance with Rule 11 cease to be a member by reason of his failure to pay his subscription, his share or shares shall be dealt with as if he had been duly expelled under rule 12.

11.--Cessation of Membership.--A member shall cease to be a member in the following eventualities: --

- (a) The member's death;
- (b) The transfer of all the member's shares;
- (c) The cancellation of all the member's shares;
- (d) Where the member has been required to pay an annual subscription, the non-payment thereof for a period of 12 months after it has become due.

12.--Expulsion of Members.--A Special General Meeting may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, expel any member for conduct detrimental to the Society, provided that a notice specifying the conduct for which it is intended to expel him/her is sent to him/her at his address entered in the register of members at least one calendar month prior to the date of the meeting. Upon expulsion of a member his/her share or shares shall be cancelled and a sum equal to the nominal value of the said share or shares shall be paid to him/her.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS:

13.--Register of Members.--The Society shall keep at its registered office a register of members in which the Secretary shall enter the following particulars: --

- (a) the names and addresses of the members;
- (b) a statement of the number of shares held by each member and of the amount paid or agreed to be considered as paid on the shares of each member;
- (c) a statement of other property in the Society, whether in loans, or otherwise, held by each member;
- (d) the date at which each person was entered in the register as a member, and the date at which any person ceased to be a member;
- (e) the names and addresses of the officers of the Society, with the offices held by them respectively and the dates on which they assumed office.

Every member at the time of his becoming a member shall notify the Secretary in writing of his address and subsequently of any change therein.

14.--Duplicate Register of Members.—The Society shall also keep at its registered office a duplicate register of members in which the Secretary shall enter all the particulars in the original register of members other than those mentioned in paragraphs (b) and (c) of rule 13 and which shall be available for inspection as provided for in rule 55.

SHARES:

15.—(a) Shares. Shares shall be transferable, but not with-drawable. They shall be of the nominal value of £1, of which 5p. shall be payable on application, and the remainder in such calls as the Committee may direct.

(b) Calls. Except for the purpose of making good any deficit in the rent or other charges payable by the Society in respect of land held by it, no call shall exceed 12.5 per share. At least three months must elapse between two consecutive calls, and at least two weeks' notice shall be given of the payment of any call.

16.--Cancellation of Shares.—Upon cancellation of any share in accordance with these Rules the Secretary shall make an appropriate entry relating thereto in the register of members.

TRANSFER OF SHARES:

17.--Committee's Consent to Transfers.--A transfer of shares shall not be valid unless the Committee's consent has been obtained thereto, and such consent shall, in the case of any transfer of shares to a person who at the time of the transfer is not a member of the Society, constitute the admission by the Committee of the said person as a member provided that the said person also complies with rule 8. Where the Committee of Management has refused to give its consent to a transfer of shares, the owner of the shares shall, if he so desires, be paid a sum equal to the nominal value of the shares and they shall thereupon be cancelled.

18.--Registration of Transfers.--The Secretary shall register every transfer of shares by making an appropriate entry relating to such transfer in the register of members.

19.--Form of Transfer.--Every transfer of shares shall be in the following form, or as near thereto as is practicable: --

This instrument made the.....day of.....19 , between A, of..... and B, of.....witnesses, that in consideration of the sum of £.....,

paid by the said B to me, I the said A hereby transfer to the said B, his executors, administrators, and assigns, theshares numbered..... now standing

in my name in the books of the above-named society, to hold the said shares upon the same conditions on which I now hold the same; and that I, the said B, hereby accept the said shares, subject to the said conditions.

In witness whereof we have hereto set our hands.

.....Signature of Transferor.

.....Signature of Transferee.

20.--Fee on Transfers.—A fee of 3p. shall be paid to the Society on every transfer of shares.

REPAYMENT OF SHARES:

21.--Repayment by Request.--If a member is in distress, or removes from the district in which the Society operates, or shows other good reason, the Committee may on his application pay to him in respect of any share belonging to him a sum not exceeding the nominal value thereof whereupon the share shall be cancelled.

22.--Repayment on Cessation of Membership.--If, for any reason the number of shares held by a member is less than the number required to be held by him under rule 8, a sum equal to the nominal value of the shares so held by him shall be paid to him and the shares shall be cancelled.

BORROWING POWERS:

23.--Loans.—Deposits shall not be taken either from members or non-members. The Committee may obtain loans on such security and such terms of repayment as they may think fit, provided that the amount shall not exceed twice the then issued share capital of the Society, and that the rate of interest shall not exceed five per cent., or (if the current Bank Rate is more than four per cent.) one per cent., above the current Bank Rate. Subject to the same condition as to the rate of interest, a General Meeting may authorise the Committee to obtain loans to a further amount, provided that the total amount of the loans shall not exceed twenty times the issued share capital.

INVESTMENTS:

24.--Investments.--The Committee may invest any funds of the Society in or upon any of the securities or shares specified in subsection (1) of Section 38 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

25.--Ordinary General Meetings.--The Annual General Meetings and other Ordinary General Meetings shall be held at such times as the Committee or a General Meeting shall determine.

26.--Special General Meetings.--A Special General Meeting shall be held whenever the Committee of Management think expedient or whenever a written requisition for such a meeting signed by five members is delivered to the Secretary. Should the Secretary fail to convene a Special General Meeting within four weeks after delivery to him of such requisition, the members signing the requisition may convene such meeting by giving such notice as is mentioned in rule 27.

27.—Notice of General Meetings.--At least seven days notice in writing of every General Meeting, stating the business to be transacted at such meeting, shall be sent to every member at his address entered in the register of members and no other business than that stated in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting.

28.--Voting at General Meetings.--Every member present at a General Meeting and not otherwise disqualified shall have one vote and where the votes cast in any matter are equal the then presiding officer shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member. Members who are not tenants shall not have the right to vote on questions affecting tenant members only. A member, being a society or company, shall be deemed to be present at any general meeting if represented thereat by any officer or member of such society or company duly appointed for this purpose under its seal, and such officer or member may vote and

otherwise act for the society or company at a general meeting as if he were the holder of the share or shares held by the society or company.

29.--Presiding Officer at General Meetings.--At all General Meetings the President, or, if he be not present, a Chairman elected by the meeting, shall preside.

30.--Quorum at General Meetings.--Unless otherwise determined by a previous General Meeting, a quorum at General Meetings shall consist of five members.

31.--Discussions at Meetings.—No political or sectarian discussion shall be raised, or resolutions proposed, either at, any Committee or General Meeting of the Society.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

32.--Who are Officers.--The Society shall have the following officers:—a President, a Chairman, a Secretary, ten Committee men or such other number as may be determined by a resolution of a General Meeting, and any other officers who may appear to the Committee of Management to be necessary for the conduct of the Society's business.

33.--Committee of Management.—The Committee of Management shall consist of the President, the Chairman and the Committeemen.

34.--Provisional Committee.—Until the first Annual General Meeting the signatories to the application for registry of the Society shall be the Committeemen and shall constitute the Committee of Management.

35.--Election of President.--The President shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

36.--Election of Committeemen.—Committeemen shall be elected from amongst the members of the Society by a vote of the majority of members present and entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting, and the Society in General Meeting may from time to time determine the period for which Committeemen shall remain in office, the order in which they shall retire, and whether on retirement they shall be eligible for re-election. If any officer shall die, resign, be removed, or become unfit to act, the Committee may fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting., unless the vacancy has already been filled at a Special General Meeting.

37.--Chairman.—The Chairman shall be elected and may be removed by the Committee, and shall hold Office until the first Committee Meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

38.--Secretary.—The Secretary shall be elected and may be removed by the Committee, which shall determine his remuneration and, in so far as not otherwise determined by these rules, his duties.

39.--Other Officers.--The Committee shall appoint and may remove such other officers and employees as they may deem necessary, and determine their respective duties and remuneration.

40.--Qualifications for Office.—The Society in General Meeting may determine the qualifications necessary for the holding of the office of President, Chairman or

Committeeman and no dealer in, or agent for the sale of, agricultural require-ments;, nor any person dealing as trader in, or agent for, agri-cultural produce, shall be eligible to hold any office whatsoever in the Society.

41.--Removal from Office.--Any officer or member of the Committee may, subject to rule 42, be removed at any time by a resolution of the majority of the members present at any General Meeting called for that purpose, which may proceed to fill the vacancy.

42.--Committeemen becoming Surety.--Should any member of the Committee, with the consent of the Committee, become surety for any debt or liability incurred on behalf of the Society, he shall not be removed from office without his consent until such liability has ceased.

43.--Security by Officers.--Every officer and employee having charge of any of the moneys of the Society shall, before entering on his duties, give such security as the Committee shall deem sufficient.

44.--Powers of the Committee of Management.--The Committee of Management shall have full power to superintend and conduct the business of the Society according to the rules thereof and, except as is otherwise provided in these rules, exercise on behalf of the Society for the purpose of accomplishing its objects the powers conferred upon the Society by these rules, or otherwise.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

45.--Quorum at Committee Meetings.—Unless otherwise determined by a General Meeting, a quorum at Committee Meetings shall consist of three members.

46.--Regular Committee Meetings.--Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held at intervals not longer than those prescribed by resolution of a General Meeting,

47.--Special Meetings of the Committee.--A Special Meeting of the Committee shall be held on the requisition in writing of at least three Committeemen.

48.--Conduct of Committee Meetings.--At all meetings of the Committee every question shall be decided by a majority of votes and if the votes are equal the presiding officer shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member. The Chairman, or, if he be not present, a Chairman elected at the Committee meeting, shall preside.

SMALL HOLDINGS AND ALLOTMENTS SEPARATE ACCOUNT:

49.--Small Holdings and Allotments Separate Account.— A separate account shall be kept by the Society of all income and expenditure of the Society under Rule 4, Clause (a). The income shall be applicable as may be determined by the Committee of Management for the following purposes and for no other purpose whether during the existence of the Society or on. dissolution: --

(a) For payment of the expenses of managing land, houses and buildings acquired or erected under the said Rule, including payment of rent, rates, taxes and other like outgoings.

- (b) For payment of expenses of repairs or improvements from time to time made by the Society on such land, houses and buildings.
- (c) For payment to the general account of the Society of interest at the rate of £5 per cent, per annum on all capital expenditure by the Society on the acquisition or adaptation of such land, houses and buildings.
- (d) For recouping capital expenditure by the Society on improvement or adaptation of the land, houses and buildings within such period as is reasonable having regard to the probable duration of the improvement or work of adaptation.
- (e) For forming a Special Reserve Fund not exceeding one year's annual value of the land, houses and buildings, and so that such reserve fund shall be available for any purpose authorised by this Rule but for no other purpose.
- (f) For prizes for the encouragement of the proper cultivation of the land; and
- (g) For the benefit of the tenants generally, in such manner as the Committee may determine.

Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to prohibit an arrangement between the Society and a tenant for the repayment or rebatement of part of the rent payable by him to the Society. Nothing in this rule shall prejudice or affect any right or remedy of any creditor of the Society.

AUDITOR:

50.--Appointment and Removal of Auditor.--The Society shall have one Auditor who shall be one of the Approved Auditors appointed for the purposes of the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1954, and who shall be elected each year by a majority of members present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and he shall not hold any office in connection with the Society. He may be removed by resolution passed at a Special General Meeting of which due notice has been given, specifying the intention to consider such resolution and a majority of the members present and entitled to vote at that meeting may appoint another of the Approved Auditors to take his place.

Provided that the Auditor shall not be so removed unless:

- (a) seven days' notice in writing of the aforesaid Special General Meeting and of the resolution to be considered is sent to him at his principal office; and
- (b) he is given an opportunity to attend and address the meeting, or to submit a written statement, and the said statement, if submitted, is read to the meeting by the presiding officer or any one on his behalf.

If an Auditor shall die, resign, be removed, or become unfit to act or cease to be one of the Approved Auditors, the Committee may appoint another of the Approved Auditors to take his place until the next Annual General Meeting, unless such appointment has already been made at a Special General Meeting.

AUDIT:

51.--Audit.--The Committee of Management shall once at least in every year submit the accounts of the Society, together with the annual return up to a date falling within the period from 1st September to 31st January following, for audit to the Society's Auditor. Such Auditor shall have access to all the books, deeds, documents, and accounts of the Society, and shall examine the accounts, and the annual return of the Society, and shall verify the same with the books, deeds, documents, accounts and vouchers relating thereto, and shall either sign the same as found by him to be correct, duly vouched, and in accordance with law, or shall specially report to the Society in what respect the same are found incorrect, unvouched, or not in accordance with law.

ANNUAL RETURN AND BALANCE SHEET:

52.--Submission of Returns.—Every year not later than 31st March the Secretary shall send to the Registrar the annual return, in the form prescribed by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, of the receipts and expenditure, funds and effects of the Society as audited. The annual return shall show separately the expenditure in respect of the several objects of the Society and shall be made up to: --

(a) the date of the Society's last published balance sheet, provided that this date is not more than four months before, or more than one month after, the 31st December then last, or otherwise, the 31st day of December inclusive; or

(b) in the case of the last annual return, where the Society is being terminated by an instrument of dissolution, the date of the said instrument.

The Secretary shall send to the Registrar, together with the annual return a copy of any report of the auditor,

53.--Copies of Annual Return.--A copy of the last annual return for the time being of the Society shall be supplied gratuitously by the Secretary to every member or person interested in the funds of the Society on his application and the Committee of Management shall provide the Secretary with sufficient copies of the said annual return for this purpose.

54.--Balance Sheet.—(a) The Society shall not publish any "balance sheet which has not previously been audited by the Society's Auditor and any copy of a balance sheet published by the Society shall incorporate any report made thereon by the Auditor.

(b) A copy of each balance sheet made during the period included in an annual return shall be sent by the Secretary to the Registrar together with the said annual return and each copy shall incorporate any reports made thereon by the Society's; Auditor.

(c) The Committee shall lay before the annual meeting the accounts and annual return as audited together with any report made thereon by the Society's Auditor.

(d) The Society shall keep a copy of the last balance sheet for the time being together with any report made thereon by the Society's Auditor always hung up in a conspicuous place at its registered office.

INSPECTION OF BOOKS:

55.--Inspection of Books.—Any member or person having an interest in the funds of the Society shall be allowed to inspect his own account, and the books containing the names of the members, including all the particulars in the duplicate register of members, at all reasonable hours at the registered office of the Society, or at any place where the same are kept subject to such regulations as to the time and manner of such inspection as may be made from time to time by the General Meetings of the Society.

PROFITS:

56.--Division of Profits.—The payment of five per cent. interest on the fully paid up share capital shall be the first charge on the net profits arising from the general business of the Society under Rule 4, Clause (b), including the interest paid to the general account of the Society under Rule 49, Clause (c). The balance of the net profits shall be allocated as follows:

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- (a) At least one-half to a Reserve Fund until the said fund equals the share capital, and afterwards such proportion as the Annual Meeting shall decide.
- (b) Not less than five per cent, to the workers employed by the Society at the time the division takes place as a bonus proportionate to the wages earned by them respectively during the period to which the division relates.
- (c) The remainder shall be divided amongst the members in proportion to the amount of business done with the Society under Rule 4, Clause (b).

NOMINATIONS:

57.--Nominations.—(a) Every member of the Society not being under the age of 16 years may, by writing under his hand delivered at or sent to the Registered Office of the Society during the lifetime of such member or made in any book kept thereat, nominate any person or persons to or among whom there shall be transferred at his decease such property in the Society as may be his at the time of his decease (whether in shares, loans, or otherwise), or so much thereof as is specified in such nomination, if the nomination does not comprise the whole. If on the death of a nominator the amount of his property in the Society comprised in the nomination exceeds two hundred pounds the nomination shall be valid to the extent of the sum of two hundred pounds, but not further or otherwise:

- (a) Provided that a person so nominated shall not be an officer or servant of the Society unless such officer or servant is the husband, wife, father, mother, child, brother, sister, nephew, or niece of the nominator.

If the nomination was delivered at or sent to the registered office of the Society before the 5th August, 1954, or made in its books before that date, and the amount of the property as aforesaid exceeds £100, the nomination shall be valid only to the extent of the sum of £100;

(b) A nomination so made may be revoked or varied by a subsequent nomination signed and delivered or sent or made as aforesaid, or by any similar document in the nature of a revocation or variation under the hand of the nominator so delivered sent or made as aforesaid, but shall not be revocable or variable by the will of the nominator or by any codicil thereto.

(c) The Society shall keep a book wherein the names of all persons so nominated and all revocations or variations (if any) of such nominations shall be recorded, and the property comprised in any such nomination to an amount not exceeding the amount for which the nomination is valid shall be payable or transferable to the nominee.

(d) The marriage of a member of the Society shall operate as a revocation of any nomination made by him before such marriage, provided that, in the event of an officer of the Society having transferred any property of a member to a nominee, in ignorance of a marriage contracted subsequent to the date of the nomination, the receipt of the nominee shall be a valid discharge to the Society, and the Society shall be under no liability to any other person claiming such property.

(e) The members shall pay 3p. for recording every nomination, or any revocation or variation of a nomination; and one fee only shall be charged for the entry of all the names in any nomination, revocation, or variation, if more than one.

PROCEEDINGS ON DEATH OR BANKRUPTCY OF MEMBER:

58.--Proceedings on Death of a Member,—(a) On receiving satisfactory proof of the death of a nominator, the Committee of the Society shall, subject to the limitation on amount herein-before mentioned, either transfer the property comprised in the nomination in manner directed by the nomination, or pay to every person entitled there under the full value of the property given to him, unless the shares comprised in the nomination if transferred as directed by the nominator, would raise the share capital of any nominee to a sum exceeding £500, in which case they shall pay him the value of such excess.

(b) Where a nominee is under 16 years of age, the Society may pay the sum nominated to either parent, or to a guardian of the nominee, or to any other person of full age, who will undertake to hold the same on trust for the nominee or to apply the same for his benefit and whom the Society may think a fit and proper person for the purpose, and the receipt of such parent, guardian, or other person shall be a sufficient discharge to the Society for all moneys so paid.

(c) If any member entitled to property in the Society in respect of shares, loans, or deposits, not exceeding in the whole, at his death, £100, dies intestate, without having made any nomination thereof then subsisting, the Committee may, without letters of administration, distribute the same among such persons as appear to them, on such evidence as they deem satisfactory, to be entitled by law to receive the same.

If any such member is illegitimate, and leaves no widow, widower, or issue, the Committee shall deal with his property in the Society as the Treasury shall direct.

(d) If any member entitled to property in the Society not exceeding £100, dies leaving a will, and without having disposed of the whole thereof by any nomination then subsisting, or if any member entitled to property in the Society exceeding £100, dies, such property or the excess not disposed of by nomination shall be transferable or payable only to his executors or administrators, subject as aforesaid.

59.—If the principal value of the property or money to be so transferred or paid exceeds eighty pounds and the transfer or payment is made under rule 58 (a) and the total property of the nominator in the Society at his death exceeds £200 the Committee of the Society shall before making any transfer or payment to any person other than the legal personal representative of the deceased member require production of a certificate from the Commissioners of Inland Revenue of the payment of the estate duty payable in respect of the property or money so transferred or paid, or a certificate that no estate duty is payable thereon.

60.--Insane or Lunatic Member.—If a member or person claiming through a member becomes insane, and no committee of his estate or trustee of his property has been duly appointed, the Society (acting through its Committee) may, when it is proved to the satisfaction of the Committee of the Society that it is just and expedient so to do, pay the amount of the shares and loans belonging to such member, to any person whom they shall judge proper to receive the same on his behalf, whose receipt shall be a good discharge to the Society for any money so paid.

61.--Payments to Persons apparently entitled.--All payments or transfers made by the Committee, under the above provisions, with respect to payments or transfers to or on behalf of the deceased or insane members, to any person who at the time appears to the Committee to be entitled there under shall be valid and effectual against any demand made upon the Committee or Society by any other person.

62.--Members becoming Bankrupt.--If any member becomes bankrupt, his property in the Society shall be transferable or payable to the trustees of his property.

THE SEAL:

63.--Use of the Seal.--The Seal of the Society shall be a steel engraven one, and shall not be affixed to any document without the express authorisation of the Committee, and the date of such authorisation shall be mentioned on the instrument to which the Seal is attached and shall be attested by the signature of two members of the Committee and the Secretary.

64. Custody of the Seal.--The Seal shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary, or such other officer as the Committee shall direct.

MEMBERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEISURE GARDENERS LIMITED.

65.—The adoption of these Rules shall constitute an agreement to apply for one fully paid 12.5p. Share in the National Society of Leisure Gardeners Ltd., and an agreement to pay such annual contributions as may be prescribed by the rules of the said Society.

STATUTORY APPLICATIONS TO THE REGISTRAR.

66.--Inspection of Books.--Any ten members of the Society each of whom has been a member of the Society for not less than twelve months immediately preceding the date of the application, may apply to the Registrar in the form prescribed by the Treasury Regulations to appoint an actuary or account-ant to inspect the books of the Society and to report thereon, pursuant to Section 18 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893.

67.--Inspection of Affairs.—It shall be the right of one-tenth of the whole number of members, or if the number of members shall at any time exceed 1,000 it shall be the right of 100 members, by an application in writing to the Chief Registrar, signed by them in the forms respectively provided by the Treasury Regulations: --

(a) To apply for the appointment of an inspector or inspectors to examine into the affairs of the Society and to report thereon, or

(b) To apply for the calling of a Special Meeting of the Society.

ARBITRATION:

68.--Arbitration.—In case any dispute arises between the Society or any of its officers and any member or persons claiming on account of a member or under the Rules, or, in case of any complaint against any member, application may be made to the Committee for redress, and should the Committee not bring the parties to agreement, the matter in dispute may be submitted to arbitration. One arbitrator shall be appointed by each of the parties concerned, and one by the Management Committee of the National Allotments and Gardens Society Ltd. The award of the arbitrators shall be final, and the costs of such arbitration shall be borne by the disputing parties in such proportion as the arbitrators may determine. In this rule the word "member" includes any person aggrieved who has for not more than six months ceased to be a member.

DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY:

69.--Dissolution.—The Society may at any time be dis-solved by the consent of three-fourths of the members, testified by their signatures to an instrument of dissolution in the form provided by the Treasury Regulations, or by winding-up in manner provided by the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts.

COPIES OF RULES.

70.--Copies of Rules,--A copy of the Rules of the Society shall be delivered by the Secretary to every person on demand on payment of a sum not exceeding 10p., and the Committee of Management shall provide the Secretary with sufficient copies of the said Rules for this purpose.

AMENDMENT OF RULES.

71.--Mode of Amending Rules.--The Rules may be amended by resolution of a three-fourths majority at a Special General Meeting. No amendment of rules is valid until registered.

JOHN E. RILLET)

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W. BARLOW)

Members

T. P. BUSBY)

R. C. BITTEN Secretary

Register No. 7825 R. Hunts.

Complete Amendment,

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES ACT, 1893.

Acknowledgement of Registry of Amendment of Rules.

The foregoing amendment of the rules of the Somersham and District Smallholding and Allotment Association limited is registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893, this 14th day of June, 1956.

Registry of Friendly Societies

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