



Constitution of Spixworth Amateur Players

1. Name

The group shall be called **Spixworth Amateur Players** (SAPs).

2. Purpose

- To produce amateur dramatic works for the enjoyment of members and the local community.
- To encourage appreciation of theatre and provide opportunities for people to take part in productions.

3. Membership

Membership categories:

- **Full Members** – pay membership fees, entitled to vote, act, and take part in all activities.
- **Support Members** – do not pay membership fees, support the group with their time and expertise, for example support building sets, support with electric testing

4. Committee

- The group is managed by a **Committee** elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer.
- Up to four additional members may be elected.
- The committee may co-opt extra members if needed.

5. Meetings

- An **AGM** is held each year within the months of October and November.
- Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) may be called by the committee or by written request from 10 members.
- Decisions are made by majority vote of members present.

6. Finance

- Membership subscriptions are set at the AGM.
- Funds are used only for the benefit of the group.
- No member may profit personally, except for legitimate expenses.

- Accounts are presented annually by the Treasurer.
- Accounts are audited annually by a designated person, this person cannot be related to or a friend of any of the official committee members.

7. Productions

- Only Full Members may act in productions, though children of members may be invited at the discretion of the committee and director.
- Directors have discretion in casting emergencies.
- Members may book tickets in advance of public bookings.

8. Conduct & Safeguarding

- Members are expected to behave respectfully and support the aims of the group.
- The committee may remove members who act against the interests of the group, with a right of appeal at an EGM.
- A Safeguarding Officer oversees child protection and welfare.

9. Amendments & Dissolution

- Changes to the constitution require a two-thirds majority at an AGM or EGM.
- If the group dissolves, remaining funds will be donated to a local charity or similar organisation.

This constitution was agreed at an Extraordinary General Meetings dated xxxxxx