

Resolution for the change to Staffordshire Branch Rules.

The Branch Rules were last amended with updates at our AGM in 2018 to align with the National Rules adopted in 2017.

The incorporation of Narpo was completed in June 2024 and Articles of Incorporation and National Rules were implemented at National Conference in September 2024. Some of the Staffordshire Branch Rules refer to the previous National Rules.

It is necessary therefore to bring to the Staffordshire Branch Annual General Meeting this resolution, to change the Rules to be compatible with National Rules and Articles.

The updated Rules are circulated.

This document summarises the changes arising from the resolution and reasons, where appropriate. In some parts, minor grammatical changes have been included.

Summary of Changes

Opening statement:

The Branch Rules will be governed by the Companies Act 2006 and the Articles of Association in respect of a Private Company Ltd by Guarantee NARPO 15415367.

Title:

Line 2 amended to read 'National Association of Retired Police Officers Staffordshire Branch'.

Membership:

Change of national rules and broadening membership definition to recognise spousal and other partnerships being entitled to membership. Rule 3 substituted by Rule 6.

Objectives:

To acknowledge national rules, Articles of incorporation and provision for future changes under Rule 46.

Subscriptions:

National rule change. Rule 11 is substituted with Rule 4.

Committee:

Wording updated and introducing the roles of Member Secretary and Webmaster.

Formalising the requirement for notice of candidates for committee membership and explicitly the inclusion of Subbranch elected officers.

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Officers:

To add the positions of Membership Secretary and Webmaster to the list of officers.

Meetings:

Clarity added to wording and substitution of Rule 7 with Article 43.4 since incorporation.

Finance:

Rule 8 has required major rewrite because of incorporation and the impact of company and financial regulations. To assist clarity, additional rules, 9, 10, 11 and 12 have been added to this section.

Principally, the requirement for auditing is now an organisation one, in the hands of the Narpo Directors. The Branch and Subbranches have reporting requirements, outlined in the new rules.

New Rule 9 specifies the authorisation process of Branch Expenses.

New Rule 10 specifies the authorised purposes for the use of Branch funds.

New Rule 11 clarifies how Branch funds may be used to assist Subbranches.

New Rule 12 brings to the Finance section a previously added Rule to formalise the annual distribution of funds to Subbranches when deemed appropriate.

Dissolution:

Unchanged, was Rule 9, now Rule 13.

Alteration of Rules:

Was Rule 10, now Rule 14. Added clarity that changes will be approved only at the AGM.

Standing Orders

Unchanged, was Rule 11, now Rule 15.

Dispute:

Unchanged, was Rule 12, now Rule 16.

Life Members:

Was Rule 13. Now Rule 17. Wording clarified to state this is for Life Membership status.