



Morris Minor Owners Club

(For Morris Minors manufactured between 1948 and 1971)

Associated with the R.A.C.

Web: <http://www.MorrisMinorOC.co.uk>

BRANCH CONSTITUTION

The Dorset Branch (hereafter referred to as 'the branch') shall be a local branch of the Morris Minor Owners Club (hereafter referred to as the MMOC) and NOT an independent club. The object is to encourage and promote social and sporting events, the exchange of information, technical or otherwise, together with matters of general interest to Morris Minor Owners and enthusiasts.

The general rules of the MMOC shall apply to the Branch except where specifically excluded by this document. ALL members of the branch committee MUST be members of the MMOC. The MMOC holds Public Liability Insurance covering Branch members and Officials when they pursue normal branch activities. * 1

To attain and/or retain branch status, the branch shall consist of not less than 5 members. Should membership fall below this figure the branch status will be referred to the MMOC. A member who holds membership of more than one branch must elect, for the purpose of the membership numbers, and the branch rebate scheme, which is his primary branch. In the event of the branch ceasing activities the Branch members shall elect by majority vote either

1) that all monies shall be transferred to the MMOC who will hold such monies in trust for the benefit of other members forming a subsequent branch in the same general area.

or 2) all monies shall be given to a specific Registered Charity.

In default of any election option 1 shall be followed.

The Branch shall hold

a) Regular meetings on a day and at a time and place to be agreed by the majority of members.

b) i] An Annual General Meeting for the election of officers, committee members and the approval of the annual accounts. This meeting should be no longer than 15 months following the previous annual meeting.

ii] The date, place and time of the AGM must be notified by letter or Email or by publication in the Branch Newsletter and circulated to all members at least 21 days in advance of the meeting. *2

Membership is open to all persons who shall be encouraged to be members of the MMOC and shall continue providing the branch membership fee is paid. This fee to be decided at the Branch AGM by resolution and vote.

The Officers and Committee of the branch should meet at least once in every quarter each year. The Chairman shall preside over Branch and Committee meetings.

The Secretary shall keep confidential records of all members; take Minutes of the AGM and committee meetings and make a record of any decisions made at a branch meeting which may affect the branch and give notice to members.

The Treasurer shall keep books of accounts and present a report to the AGM. He should also be prepared to verify the financial position of the branch upon request and to have his books available for inspection. *3

The branch committee has the right to bar or terminate the membership of any person acting in any way likely to bring the branch, the MMOC or any of its members into disrepute. In such case the Committee must give notice of its decision to the member and allow the member, if requested within 14 days, an opportunity to submit his explanation either in writing or verbally to the Committee. Should the member be aggrieved by the final decision then he may appeal to the National Committee of the MMOC whose decision shall be final.

The Branch may also appoint two members to represent its interests at Area + National Liaison meetings.

The Dorset Branch accepts the above constitution and undertakes to apply in a reasonably practical way the terms to all dealings of the branch .

Name John Jenkinson Signature Chairman MMOC No:..... Date:.....

Name Laurie Blewer Signature..... Secretary MMOC No:..... Date:.....

Name Jacky Wood Signature Treasurer MMOC No:4576.. Date:.....

Please detail the name, address and contact details of the person agreeing to be the primary contact for the Branch and who has given permission for his/her contact details to be listed in Club publications and on the MMOC website.

I consent to my details below being published Date

Name:.....Laurie Blewer.....

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Phone No.01202 522673..... Email: laurieblewer@supanet.com

Please also detail the expected day, time and location for your meetings. Also any deviation from the normal ie: don't meet in January!

Location..... Electric Club, Broadway Lane, Bournemouth

Day + Time: First Wednesday 7:30 for 08:00..... Exceptionsnone.....

Notes:

*1 Full details of the MMOC Public Liability cover are available on request.

*2 At the AGM the Branch will

a) Receive the Officers' reports on the years events.

b) Receive and approve the statements of account and financial affairs of the Branch.

c) Elect a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and not less than two, nor more than six committee members.

d) Consider and agree an annual branch membership fee and/or a fee per meeting attended.

All votes shall be by show of hands on a simple majority. In case of a tie the Chairman shall have the deciding vote.

All decisions of the Committee shall also be by majority vote and to be valid there must be not less than two thirds of the Officers and Committee members in attendance.

Each member must ensure that an up to date Royal Mail or Email address is given to the Secretary. All official notices shall be sent to that address only.

*3 The Branch Rebate Scheme is available for all branches but in order to obtain the percentage determined and payable from the MMOC (the parent club), branch Treasurers must submit an appropriate form within two months of the period for which rebate is payable. Rebate will only be paid for primary branch members who are fully paid up members of the MMOC.

In this document all references to the masculine shall include the feminine.

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