



AFC RUSHDEN AND DIAMONDS COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY LTD

Notice and Rules of Election of four members to the Club Board who will take office
at the Society AGM on Wednesday, August 11th 2021.

INTRODUCTION:

This election will be based on the Society Rules and conducted in a similar way to previous elections held. It will be conducted online or by postal vote only. Election details will appear on the Club Official Website and publicised to members by newsletter and elsewhere where feasible. The election will be seeking to elect three members to the Club Board to fill vacancies caused by the following existing board members who are required to stand down under society rules, Ralph Burditt, Stacey Hawkins and Matt Ward.

The fourth vacancy has been created by the resignation of Jonathan Birt in November 2019. This fourth seat on the Board will run until the 2022 election, when the incumbent will be required to stand down, in order to bring the seat back into the election cycle.

All candidates are asked to indicate on their nomination form if they would prefer to sit on the Board for one or three years or, if they have no preference.

It is anticipated that, in the event of an election, the three candidates with the highest number of votes will each sit on the Board for three years. The candidate with the fourth highest number of votes will sit on the Board for one year when they will be required to stand down (but may stand for re-election should they choose, in accordance with the Club's Election Policy). In the event of there being insufficient candidates to trigger an election, (i.e four candidates or fewer), the Election Officer will advise of the indications on nominations forms in order to determine the length of new Directors' terms.

Gemma Hartop has been appointed as the Election Officer and is willing to answer any questions that may arise.

ELECTION RULES AND TIMETABLE:

The Election Period will run from Friday, July 2nd 2021 when Nomination Forms will be available, to Thursday, August 5th 2021 when the votes will be counted. Nomination Forms will be available online from the Club Official Website, by email or by post (please include a stamped addressed envelope) from Ms G Hartop. 12 Townsend Leys, Higham Ferrers. NN10 8LW. Email: ghartop@hotmail.co.uk

Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Club Board must be a fully paid Adult or Concession member of the Club on June 30th 2021.

In order to facilitate voting and ensure that all members have the opportunity to vote, 2020/21 memberships have been extended until July 31st 2021.

New members joining after June 30th 2021 will not be eligible to stand or vote in the election

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday, July 9th 2021.

A list of candidates with their proposers and seconders together with their election statements will be published on the Official Club Website on Saturday, July 10th 2021.

Ballot papers will be available online and from the Election Officer, including by post (please include a stamped addressed envelope) from Sunday, July 11th 2021.

Ballot Papers to be completed online, or emailed by PDF attachment, or in person/by post to the Election Officer to arrive no later than 5pm on Saturday, July 31st 2021.

Votes to be counted on Monday, August 2nd 2021 from 7.30pm at a venue to be arranged.

Any complaints should be made to the Election Officer whose decision shall be final although any appeal may be made in accordance with Society Rules.

The result of the election to be confirmed at the Society AGM on August 11th 2021 when the existing Board members will stand down, where applicable, and the new Board members take over.

Within 14 days the new Board to elect the Chair and other officers.