

Current	Proposed
2.1.1 Any bell ringer can become a Full Member, subject to submission of a completed application or nomination by a Full Member prior to a peal attempt, agreement to pay the Annual Subscription on an ongoing basis, and ratification at the next Meeting.	2.1.1 Any bell ringer can become a Full Member, subject to submission of a completed application, agreement to pay the Annual Subscription on an ongoing basis, and ratification by the Guild Officers with names of new members shared at the next Meeting.
2.4 If a Member is considered to have brought the Guild into disrepute, or displayed wilful disregard for the Guild's purpose, they may be expelled from the Guild, with no refund of subscription, if so decided by a two-thirds majority voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed expulsion shall be circulated to Members by the Secretary at least two months in advance.	2.4 If a Member is considered to have brought the Guild into disrepute, or displayed wilful disregard for the Guild's purpose, they may be expelled from the Guild, with no refund of subscription, if so decided by a two-thirds majority voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Notice of any proposed expulsion shall be circulated to Members by the Secretary at least two months in advance.
2.5 The Guild may elect a Member as a Life Vice President to recognise exceptional service to the Guild or ringing as a whole. Notice of proposal of Life Vice Presidents shall be given by a Full Member or current Life Vice President at any General Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting or in writing to the Secretary six weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, and they shall be elected by simple majority vote at the Annual General Meeting. Life Vice Presidents retain all the rights and privileges of Full Members and are not required to pay an Annual Subscription.	2.5 The Guild may elect a Member as a Life Vice President to recognise exceptional service to the Guild or ringing as a whole. Notice of proposal of Life Vice Presidents shall be given by a Full Member or current Life Vice President in writing to the Secretary six weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, and they shall be elected by simple majority vote at the Annual General Meeting. Life Vice Presidents retain all the rights and privileges of Full Members and are not required to pay an Annual Subscription.
4.7 There will be at least two other General Meetings a year to review and organise ringing activities and conduct the regular business of the Guild.	4.7 There will be at least two other General Meetings a year arranged by the Officers to review and organise ringing activities and conduct the regular business of the Guild. These meetings will be advertised in advance and will be open to all Members.
4.8 Quorum for a General Meeting shall be ten, two of whom must be either the Master, Secretary, Ringing Master or Treasurer.	
4.3 The quorum at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting shall be forty Full Members of the Guild.	4.3 The quorum at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting shall be thirty Full Members of the Guild.
6.1.1 the peal complies with the prevailing rules of the CCCBR, unless in exceptional circumstances, and in the opinion of the Members voting at the Annual General Meeting, a non-compliant peal is of sufficient merit to be included;	6.1.1 the peal complies with the Performance Norms defined in the Framework for Method Ringing published by the CCCBR, unless in exceptional circumstances, and in the opinion of the Members voting at the Annual General Meeting, a non-compliant peal is of sufficient merit to be included,
6.1.2 it is published in 'The Ringing World' as being rung for the Guild;	6.1.2 it is published, by "The Ringing World" as being rung for the Guild, following the CCCBR's requirements for performance reporting;

## Commentary:

Block 1 – reflects current practice given that the majority of new membership applications happen direct via a Membership Mojo link. The expectation is that the officers would canvas more widely if there were any applications for membership from people they didn't know or couldn't identify via BellBoard records etc.

Block 2 – General Meetings as described in the rules aren't currently happening (they haven't restarted in their original format since COVID lockdowns). There is no desire amongst the Officers to go back to formal Guild meetings throughout the year but we recognise that some members would like opportunity to get more involved in the running of the Guild (and that there needs to perhaps be greater transparency); although the rules do not now require new members to be formally proposed there need to be more opportunities each year for new members to be recognised. One major change is taking the possibility of a formal member expulsion out of the possible business for General Meetings – this would now only be possible at the AGM or a Special General Meeting (for which there are specific rules) *{change to rule 2.4}*. Additionally option to give notice for the proposal of a Life Vice President is taken out of General Meeting *{change to rule 2.5}* – this seems like a bit of an anomaly and giving notice via the Secretary perfectly adequate. With these actions removed and all financial decision making tied to the AGM there is therefore no need for a General Meeting to have a quorum *{deletion of rule 4.8}*. The rules do not specify how General Meetings should take place – initial plan is for one in the Spring as part of a Saturday Guild event and the other on a Sunday evening via Zoom *{rewording of rule 4.7}*.

Block 3 – should be self explanatory

Block 4 – these changes are a hangover from Simon Linford's initial block of proposed rule changes; they are designed to align our wording to that currently used by the CCCBR when describing peals *{rewording of rule 6.1.1}* and some future-proofing of the Guild's rule against possible RW / CCCBR changes *{rewording of rule 6.1.2}*. We are anticipating that Simon will speak about these rule changes at the meeting.