

## Appendix A – Summary and explanation of Proposed Constitution Change 2020

Currently the clubs constitution states in section **5. Management** that: “it shall elect annually from its membership a number of ‘Officers of the Club’. This includes a (Chair person) ‘Chair’. However since the 2019 AGM and the standing down of the previous Chair, the post has remained vacant – yet the work of the Committee has carried on, the club has continued and the present Committee believe that currently with no one in their number willing to step forward, but all willing to work to the benefit of the club that the idea of a ‘Chair’ is currently redundant.

The role of a Chair person beyond the actual ‘chairing of meetings’ appears to be that of part public face, part leader/final decision maker of the body for which they are Chair. What has happened since the previous Chair stepped down is that the meetings have been chaired on rotation and currently by volunteer. The business of the club and its committee has not been affected by an absent chair. Where contact with the club is required by an external party – the Secretary fields this and comes to the committee for consensus on what to do/how to respond etc. This then falls to the committee member(s) who has the best view/most experience or volunteers to address the matter arising. The committee believes this approach has worked well and proven to be efficient. Should a public face be required then we have our President and depending upon the context – a committee of volunteers who can act as ‘Joint Chair’ to be that public face. For instance, a press enquiry for our Junior section may be best fielded as follows:

“Marion Wilkinson & Jason Pier - Joint Chair on behalf of Clayton Le Moors Harriers said of the news today...”

To that end the Committee propose the constitution be changed to reflect the present situation of the club, but allow for a future Chair person OR Chair persons as this what in effect is happening currently.

Existing	Proposed
5. <u>MANAGEMENT</u> ....The club shall elect annually from its membership the following “Officers of the Club”: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.	5. <u>MANAGEMENT</u> ....The club shall endeavour to elect annually from its membership the following “Officers of the Club”: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Should there be no Chair elected the role shall be held by the Committee as ‘Joint Chair’ to meet the aims and objectives of the club.