EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations apply to all duly established pedestrian crossings in the London Traffic Area and supersede the London Traffic (Pedestrian Crossing Places) (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1934.

The Regulations provide for the manner in which such crossings are to be indicated and govern their use by vehicles and pedestrians.

The main provision governing the use of crossings is that precedence is accorded to pedestrians only at uncontrolled crossings. Provision is also made for restricting the stoppage of vehicles in the vicinity of an uncontrolled crossing, where the approach thereto has been duly marked in accordance with the Regulations.

The Regulations provide that after the coming into operation of the Regulations no new crossing shall be established on any road by the road authority unless its establishment has been approved by the Minister of Transport.

MAGISTRATES' COURTS

The Magistrates' Courts Committees (Constitution) Regulations, 1951

1951 No. 2003

Made - - - - 20*th November*, 1951
Coming into Operation 1*st December*, 1951

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by sub-paragraphs (7) and (8) of paragraph 1 of the Fourth Schedule to the Justices of the Peace Act, 1949(a), I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. A committee for a county not divided into petty sessional divisions or for a borough shall consist (in addition, in the case of a county, to the ex officio members) of not less than six and not more than eighteen members.

2. Where in a county divided into petty sessional divisions the total number of the divisions and of the non-county boroughs (if any) having a separate commission of the peace but no separate committee is less than nine, the Schedule to these Regulations shall have effect for the purpose of regulating the number of members from each division or borough on the committee for the said county:

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply to a county forming part of a joint committee area.

3.—(1) The members from a petty sessional division or a borough on a committee acting for a county or for a borough shall be appointed at the meeting of the justices held, in accordance with rules made under section thirteen of the Act, for the purpose of electing a chairman of the justices:

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 101.

Provided that the appointment of members under this paragraph to the first committees constituted under the Act shall be made at a meeting of the justices convened, in accordance with the said rules, in the month of December, 1951, or January, 1952.

(2) Nominations shall be permitted, but where voting is necessary it shall be by ballot and shall be so conducted that there shall be no disclosure of how individual justices have voted.

(3) Where an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates and the addition of a vote would entitle one of them to be elected, the clerk to the justices shall forthwith decide between those candidates by lot.

(4) The clerk to the justices of a petty sessional division or a borough having a separate commission of the peace but no separate committee shall send written notice to the clerk to the committee to which a member is elected from that division or borough of the name and address of the member.

4. The members of a committee appointed by the justices for a county not divided into petty sessional divisions shall be appointed at the quarter sessions held in the twenty-one days immediately preceding or immediately following the twenty-ninth day of September:

Provided that the appointment of members under this Regulation to the first committees constituted under the Act shall be made at the quarter sessions held in the twenty-one days immediately preceding or immediately following the twenty-fifth day of December, 1951.

5.—(1) A member of a committee shall hold office for one year from the first day of December next after his appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided that in the case of the first committees constituted under the Act the members shall hold office from the first day of February, 1952, until the first day of December, 1953.

(2) If for any reason the requisite number of members of a committee is not appointed at the proper time or a vacancy occurs thereon, the appointing authority may at any subsequent meeting or sessions, as the case may be, appoint to the vacancy and the appointment shall be made in the same manner, and when so made shall have effect, as if made at the time fixed by Regulation 3 or Regulation 4 of these Regulations for the last periodical appointment by that authority.

6.—(1) The members present at the first meeting of a committee held on or after the date fixed by paragraph (1) of Regulation 5 of these Regulations for the taking of office by members shall appoint the chairman of the committee who shall hold office until the next such first meeting and, if he has then been re-appointed a member of the committee, shall be eligible for re-appointment as chairman.

(2) Nominations shall be permitted, but where voting is necessary it shall be by ballot and shall be so conducted that there shall be no disclosure of how individual members have voted.

(3) Where an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates and the addition of a vote would entitle one of them to be elected, the clerk to the committee shall forthwith decide between those candidates by lot.

(4) If the office of chairman becomes vacant, the committee shall, as soon as practicable, proceed in manner hereinbefore provided to appoint another chairman who shall hold office for the remainder of the term of appointment of the chairman he replaces.

7. A quorum shall be constituted—

(*a*) where the committee comprises less than thirteen members, by three members;

(*b*) where the committee comprises more than twenty-four members, by seven members;

(*c*) in any other case, by one quarter of the total number of members of the committee.

8.—(1) In these Regulations—

"clerk to the committee" and "clerk to the justices" include respectively any person acting as such;

"committee" means a magistrates' courts committee established under section sixteen of the Act;

"county" includes a quarter sessions division of a county having for the time being a separate committee;

"justice" means a justice of the peace whose name has not been entered in the Supplemental List and, in relation to a petty sessional division of a county, means a justice for the county who ordinarily acts in and for that division;

"the Act" means the Justices of the Peace Act, 1949.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

9. These Regulations may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts Committees (Constitution) Regulations, 1951, and shall come into operation on the first day of December, 1951.

David Maxwell Fyfe,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.

20th November, 1951.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2.

Total number of divisions and of non-county boroughs having a separate commission of the peace but no separate committee	Number of members from each division or borough
More than four and less than nine	2
Three or four	3
Two	4

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.