

VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON TRUST

Minutes of meeting held on 6th June 2022 at 20.50

In the Main Hall at the Memorial Hall

Present: Bjorn Watson, Chair (BW), Chris Taylor (CT), Julia Jones (JJ), Lucy Brown (LB), Bob Sheldon (RS), Gerard Pearson (GP)

Secretary: Julia Evans, Lyn Frape

Other:

22/62	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Richard Bartle, Stuart Coffey, Liz Jenkins, David Pratt, Connor Farrelly.	
22/63	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None.	
22/64	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd MAY 2022 The minutes were approved. Proposed: RS, Seconded: LB. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
22/65	MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA a) 22/51 (22/32 - 22/04, 21/127, 21/137) - Noise Issue/Policy. To be reviewed with BW. b) 22/53 – New name for Main Hall. LB to provide some words for The News and for a short Facebook post.	JE/BW LB
22/66	PUBLIC REPRESENTATION None.	
22/67	TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING a) Party on the Rec. BW congratulated the Fete Committee for the splendid party. JJ also thanked Sharon and Megan from the Coop for their help with the teas. b) Lighting at the pavilion. A complaint had been received about the lighting on the pavilion which was timed to come on when it gets dark. To be investigated.	 BW/JE/LH
22/68	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS a) Update on the Claridge Room. The rebuild was in progress. The base stone and internal wall had been completed. b) Update on Storm Damage. There were problems finding someone to carry out the work. A quote had been requested from another contractor.	 BW
22/69	TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS a) Hall Management Group – The minutes of the Hall Management Group meeting held on held on 26 th May were not available. Everything that had been discussed was on the agenda for this meeting.	 JE
22/70	TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST a) Meeting with VB Homes. The meeting had been arranged to discuss the maintenance of the track. The previous repairs had broken up and needed to be redone. VB Homes had provided a quote for a cut and fill repair. A second quote have been obtained from PJE but it was much higher. It was agreed to accept the VB	

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	<p>Homes quote. The split for payment was discussed. It had previously been 40% from VB Homes, 40% from the Football Club and 20% from VBT. The VBT portion was lower because the Trust had no interest in the road. It was agreed to maintain this split. The matter to be discussed with the Football club. Other matters discussed were a) planning permission for development – this had lapsed; b) the option for VB Homes to take ownership of the track – this was not taken forward; c) regular meetings between VB Homes and VBT were agreed.</p>	BW
22/71	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <p>a) Financial Statement for April – The Financial statement was discussed, reviewed and approved. No issues were raised. Proposed LB, Seconded RS. RESOLVED.</p> <p>b) May Payments – The payments were reviewed and approved. Proposed LB, Seconded RS. RESOLVED.</p> <p>c) Utilities. BW pointed out the payments to British Gas for the utilities. He explained the issues that we had experience with SSE and the fact that the expected transfer had not taken place. He reported that a new contract had been entered into with British Gas. The Trust has been left with approx. £4k to pay for the time on the variable rate tariff. BW asked what could be done about recovering this cost. LB offered to review to contract sent by Utility Aid.</p> <p>d) Annual Accounting Return - this was carried forward to July.</p>	LB c/f
22/72	<p>UPDATE ON SPORTS PAVILION</p> <p>BW reported that the pavilion had been completed and handed over. The final account had not yet been received. There were a few minor extras to be added. A report on the final account will be given next month. The clock was due to be installed on 6th July. A formal opening was to be arranged. RS questioned the large high level cupboard doors and the layout of the path. BW pointed out that the plans had been reviewed by the Trust some time ago. It was noted that there were likely to be issues with the car park. It was suggested that additional fencing might be required outside the planting area.</p>	RB/BW/JE
22/73	<p>RECREATION GROUND MATTERS</p> <p>a) MUGA. The MUGA installation was almost finished. The surface had been laid and the fencing erected. CT noted that the fencing that had been removed to enable the installation work had not been reinstated properly, which would make removal difficult in the future. To be investigated.</p> <p>b) Painting. The Fete Committee had painted the play area. More paint was required in order to complete the job. The Fete Committee was thanked for their work to date.</p> <p>c) Play Equipment. The new slide was due to be installed soon and further upgrades to the play equipment were being discussed with Wicksteed.</p> <p>d) Trees. Trees had been pruned near the MUGA so that the fencing could be installed. Advice had also been given on pruning the trees on the avenue. LH to discuss with the tree surgeon.</p>	LH/BW/JE
22/74	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTHS AGENDA</p> <p>a) Loggia. RS reported a broken window on the Loggia. The Hall Management Group were aware of this. No action.</p>	

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	<p>b) Priorities Meeting. This meeting had been arranged for 7th June.</p> <p>c) Basket Swing. GP asked for progress on the lowering of the basket swing. BW reported that because the swing was under guarantee we were unable to lower it ourselves. It was agreed to go back to Wicksteed on this matter.</p> <p>d) Theatre productions. Watermill were due on 27th June and Rain or Shine were attending on 15th July. Help would be required to set up. LB volunteered.</p>	JE
22/75	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 4 th July in the Burroughs Room at the Sports Pavilion.	

Meeting closed at 21.40

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