

VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON TRUST

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 5th February at 8.35pm

Present: David Pratt, Chair (DP), Richard Bartle (RB), Liz Jenkins (LJ), Julia Jones (JJ), John Lloyd (JL), Bjorn Watson (BW), Peter Saunders (PS), Chris Hand (CH),

Secretary: Julia Evans (JE)

Other:

18/16	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Penny Hockley, Olly Church and Vic Clements all sent their apologies.	Action:
18/17	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PS declared an interest in agenda item 6a.	
18/18	MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 2nd JANUARY 2018 The minutes were approved and signed. Proposed: RB; Seconded: JL.	
18/19	MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA a) 17/141 – Installation of portrait of Viscount Barrington. BW has identified a portrait of the Viscountess Barrington. This needs to be framed. b) 17/142 – Request from fete committee to erect a shed on the recreation ground. A meeting has been held to discuss the proposal. This may require planning consent. DP to ask for an update.	BW DP
18/20	PUBLIC REPRESENTATION No members of the public present.	
18/21	TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL a) Request from the Table Tennis Group for a fourth table. The current storage space is only sufficient for three tables. A fourth would impede cricket space. It was noted that the new sports pavilion would also only accommodate three tables. There is no other storage space available in the hall. RB proposed refusing permission for a fourth table. JL seconded. RESOLVED. PS suggested that the group would consider renting the hall for another hour. b) Discussion on the issue of a barrier at the Recreation Ground. A letter from Ms Slater was read. It was reported that the gate is necessary for contractors to bring their machinery through. A barrier would impede the gate and is therefore not feasible. JL noted that visibility to the north is impaired by the hedge. Suggested removing the hedge and replacing it with a post and rail fence. CH pointed out that the proposed pavilion would change everything in that area. It was agreed not to take any action at the moment.	
18/22	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Email from WI about their Centenary year. The WI would like to present something to the trust to mark their Centenary and have suggested a tree with a plaque. DP suggested that a portrait of the Viscountess Barrington would be acceptable along with a plaque. RB proposed accepting the suggestion. JJ seconded. Track across Recreation Ground. DP reported that he had been approached by the Chair of VB Homes regarding the track, which is in need of upgrade. They have requested that VBT pay for this, which is contrary to a verbal agreement made some years ago. They have also suggested that an alternative would be to give the track into their ownership. BW proposed getting the track valued. RB seconded.	JE
18/23	TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF	

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	COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS Hall Management Group – The minutes of the Hall Management Group meeting held on 18 th January were discussed. There were no comments.	
18/24	TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST None	
18/25	FINANCIAL MATTERS Financial Statement for December 2017 – The Financial statement was reviewed, approved and signed. Proposed: RB; seconded: PS RESOLVED. January Payments – The payments were reviewed and approved. Proposed: PS, Seconded: JL. RESOLVED. To consider option to tax the recreation ground – CH proposed opting to tax the area of the recreation ground where the new pavilion will be sited. RB seconded. RESOLVED.	JE
18/26	ISSUES ARISING FROM ELECTRICAL FIRE All points raised in the Fire Safety report have been accepted. Jamie Wiltshire has been appointed to carry out the work to the building. Awaiting a start date. The fire escape from the flat will be done with the Loggia extension, but until then a fire-safe exit route from the flat will be provided.	
18/27	HALL PRIORITIES A list of hall priorities was presented. A third quote for the boilers is awaited. This may need to be funded from reserves. Quotes are to be sought for the rewiring and the installation of new distribution boards. The refurbishment of the kitchens is also being considered. Hoping to apply for grant funding for this work. It was reported that there has been a suggestion to change the Barrington Room into a catering kitchen. This is being investigated. The Loggia extension is on hold at the moment.	
18/28	RECREATION GROUND MATTERS Awaiting repair of the play equipment and the gate.	
18/29	ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTHS AGENDA None	
18/30	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 5 th March at 9pm.	

Meeting closed at 9.10pm