

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON'S
MEMORIAL HALL AND RECREATION GROUND TRUST
HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010.**

PRESENT:

Councillor R Bartle
Councillor Mrs C Dawson
Councillor Mrs S Day (Chairman)
Councillor Downton
Councillor S Howell
Councillor Mrs P Mullin
Councillor P Saunders
Councillor G Tidmarsh
Councillor C Holman
Councillor S Spencer
Councillor B Watson (Vice-Chairman)

In attendance: Mr P H Anderson, Secretary to the Trust

1147 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1148 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

1149 MATTERS ARISING

1141 Accounts It was reported that the problem with the cupboard doors had been rectified and the cheque had been paid.

1144 Maintenance Programme Cllr Watson reported that he would complete this project as quickly as possible.

1146 Recreation Ground Matters The Chairman advised the Trust that she would inspect the newly planted trees to make sure that they were acceptable.

1150 ACCOUNTS

Cheques paid in March and for payment in April were approved.

1151 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting with Nigel Tucker and James Dore to discuss matters of mutual interest to the cricket and football clubs. These matters included the Senior footballers practicing on the cricket outfield, the gates to the football pitch not being left open as agreed, finishing the fencing project, and the provision of

gates by the footpath. All of these matters had been agreed between the parties, with particular emphasis being placed on the senior footballers use of the outfield.

1152 HALL ROOF

The Chairman reported that the Council's Solicitor had been trying to arrange a meeting with Mr Morse, but this had not taken place so far. Cllr Spencer was of the view that if Mr Morse was not willing to appear as a witness for the Council in any Court case, then an independent view would have to be obtained, which would be expensive. It was

RESOLVED

That authority be delegated to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in consultation with the Secretary to the Trust, to get an expert opinion from an independent surveyor appointed on the grounds of cost and expertise, if the meeting between Mr Morse and the Council's Solicitor does not take place within the next week.

1153 WELLS ADJACENT TO THE MEMORIAL HALL

Cllr Watson reported that works by British Gas to locate a leak in front of the Memorial Hall had uncovered two wells. British Gas had re-capped both of them, but there was concern as to whether these works were secure enough.

RESOLVED

(a) that British Gas be requested to confirm that the works to re-cap the two wells adjacent to the Memorial Hall have been carried out to at least the previous standard;
(b) that, if this confirmation is received, then no further action be undertaken.

1154 ACCESS TO HIGH CUPBOARDS BY USERS OF THE HALL

The Chairman reported on the health and safety issues surrounding the use of high cupboards by users of the Hall for storage purposes. It was agreed that Cllr Holman should advise on the purchase of an appropriate step ladder and that a sign should be put up requiring people using the ladder to be extremely careful.

1155 CHANGE OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR

RESOLVED

That, following the retirement of the Designated Premises Supervisor, Mr D Pratt, application be made for Mrs Trudi Twitchen to take on this role.

1156 AOB

Cllr Howell reported that the Village Fete Committee had spent time clearing out the cellar and had found a number of items including table football, etc. A list of these items would be sent to the office.

Cllr Watson reported that some of the grids in the car park were breaking up. It was agreed that Cllr Watson would find replacement grids and that Martin Twitchen should be asked whether he would be willing to fit them.

Cllr Dawson reported that after the litter pick she had been asked whether the Trust would provide a litter bin near the shelter in the recreation ground.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm