

**VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON'S TRUST (VBT)**

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Secretary: Liza Whitney

**Minutes of Monthly Viscountess Barrington's Trust meeting  
held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 9:00 pm  
In the Vic Day Hall at the Memorial Hall**

Trustees present: Bjorn Watson (Chair)

Julia Jones

Bob Sheldon

Lucy Brown

Richard Bartle

Simon Howell

Gerard Pearson

Elaine Ware

Claire Winfield

Richard Page

In attendance: Liza Whitney (Secretary)

Lyn Frape

Alisha Sorr

6 members of the public

**25/81 Apologies for absence**

Nathan Woodhouse

**25/82 Declaration of Interest**

None

**25/83 Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 were signed as a correct record. One Trustee abstained.

**25/84 Matters arising from last meeting**

- a) **25/53 (25-33 - 25/19) Action on the track.** No update. Take item off the agenda for time-being.
- b) **25/68 (25/55) Gigaclear.** Gigaclear proposing to update broadband in houses on VBT land, £75 per house.

**25/85 Public Representation**

None.

**25/86 To receive such communications as the person presiding may wish to lay before the meeting**

None.

#### **25/87 Chairman's announcements**

- a) Fete was a huge success. Heritage Society and Hall received a donation from sale of paintings sold during the fete.
- b) Overhanging tree on Manor Lane boundary. Tree is not overhanging severely but will be examined and cost may need to be covered.

#### **25/88 Financial matters**

- a) **Financial matters for June and July.** These had been circulated, and no issues were raised. PROPOSED: Trustee Ware SECONDED: Tr. Bartle. Two Trustees abstained. The financial reports were signed. RESOLVED.
- b) **Payments made in July and August.** These had been circulated, and no issues were raised. PROPOSED: Tr. Bartle SECONDED: Tr. Brown. Two Trustees abstained. The payments were signed. RESOLVED.
- c) **Receive bookings report.** Bookings report to the end of August was presented. Overall, the current bookings had exceeded the budget for 2025/26. It was noted that Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) bookings are only in diary up to November. It was also noted that the budgets for October/November need to be produced and the terms & conditions to be updated.

#### **25/89 Hall Management Committee (HMC) Report**

- a) HMC will report to VBT. VBT meetings will now take place every alternate month. The next Trust meeting will be in November.
- b) Kitchen refurbishment is ongoing, meetings with contractors are taking place and we are actively seeking other quotes from more contractors. Consultations have taken place, and a design and specification has been drawn up.
- c) The playpark will be updated, Tr. Winfield to be responsible for a working group to present proposals at next HMC meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.
- d) The Barrington Room is currently being used for storage. This stores the wedding chairs and round tables. The purchase of a trolley to secure and transport the tables will be agreed at the next HMC meeting.
- e) Fire Drill is needed

#### **25/90 Memorial Tree**

Number of donations received. The target was met, and tree is proposed to be planted in November.

#### **25/91 Centenary Celebration Group (CCG) Report**

- a) Fete was great success. Wedding venue stall was successful. The wedding licence should be with Cllr. Jones next week.
- b) Shrivenham Then and Now is taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the Memorial Hall
- c) Crowdfunding for a token for the children of Shrivenham School to celebrate the centenary of the hall is taking place. Some of the

crowdfunding may also go towards a public centenary garden. £85 has been collected so far.

**25/92 To receive reports from Trustees attending meetings on behalf of the Trust**

None.

**25/93 Playground Renovation**

To be discussed in the upcoming HMC meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**25/94 Any other business to be added to next month's agenda**

- a) VBT Facebook group has been created, a social media item to be included on HMC agenda

**25/95 Date of Next meeting**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 9:00 pm

**Meeting closed at 21:59**