

VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON TRUST

Minutes of meeting held on 1st February 2021 at 20.25

Meeting held remotely on Zoom

Present: Bjorn Watson (BW) Chair, Richard Bartle (RB), David Pratt (DP), Gerard Pearson (GP), Lucy Brown (LB), Stu Coffey (ST), Julia Jones (JJ)

Secretary: Julia Evans (JE), Lyn Frape (LF)

Other: Chris Taylor

21/14	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Connor Farrelly and Liz Jenkins sent their apologies.	Action:
21/15	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None.	
21/16	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th JANUARY 2021 The minutes were approved. Proposed: JJ, Seconded: RB. RESOLVED. To be signed when it is practical to do so.	
21/17	MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 21/04 (20/139 - 20/133) - Playground Accessibility. Request to lower the height of the basket swing. Wicksteed had been asked for new chains. Awaiting a response. It was noted that the additional length would make a significant difference for disabled children. SC suggested raising the ground under the swing but it was felt that this would not solve the problem, b) 21/12 - Broken bollard near football club entrance. BW reported that a new bollard would cost between £60 and £80. Installation would need to be considered and may need to wait until the new financial year, GP suggested installing a dropped kerb at the same time. However, this would require permission from OCC and would be prohibitively expensive at the moment. 	JE
21/18	PUBLIC REPRESENTATION None	
21/19	TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community Pantry. A request had been received to store a large cupboard on Trust land. It was noted that this would be an issue when work started on the pavilion. BW felt that Martens Road car park would be a better location. LB explained how the Community Pantry worked. BW felt that there were a number of questions to be answered although there was no objection in principle as long as a suitable location could be found. RB suggested connecting them with Sustainable Shrivenham. Further discussions to be held with them. 	BW/JE
21/20	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS None.	
21/21	TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Hall Management Group – The minutes of the Hall Management Group meeting held on held on 21st January had been circulated. It was reported that nearly £3,300 worth of bookings had been cancelled as a result of the lockdown. The hall finances were in a parlous state. The Police were currently booked in for April and there had been two wedding enquiries for 2022. Staff cross 	

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	charging had been suspended for January. The minutes were approved.	
21/22	<p>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST</p> <p>Last week was Village Halls week. JJ and BW attended a virtual meeting to discuss post-covid recovery. Much that was discussed did not apply to the Memorial Hall. BW reported that compared to other halls the Memorial Hall was miles ahead of other halls and had a very effective team; he was impressed by that. He thanked the team for their work.</p>	
21/23	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <p>a) Financial Statement for December 2020 – The Financial statement was reviewed and approved. It had been agreed at the O&F meeting. No questions were raised. Proposed DP, Seconded RB. RESOLVED.</p> <p>b) January Payments – The payments were reviewed and approved. Proposed SC, Seconded LB. RESOLVED.</p> <p>c) Draft budget for 2021/22. The budget was deferred to March as there were too many uncertainties at the moment.</p>	JE/LF
21/24	<p>UPDATE ON SPORTS PAVILION</p> <p>This matter was discussed in the Parish Council meeting. BW noted that it was hoped that construction would start on 5th April. There would be some disruption in the car park during the summer.</p>	RB/BW/JE
21/25	<p>RECREATION GROUND MATTERS</p> <p>Wicksteed has been asked whether it would be possible to negotiate a price on the MUGA in order to get the project moving. Awaiting a response.</p>	
21/26	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTHS AGENDA</p> <p>a) Outdoor theatre performances. RB asked whether ground should be contacted. BW noted that an enquiry had already been received from Watermill. JJ reported that Rain or Shine had been in touch; then planned to come later in the year. JJ to send the date to BW.</p>	JJ
21/27	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 1st March 2021 at 20.30 (approx.).</p>	

Meeting closed at 20.55