

VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON TRUST

Minutes of meeting held on 4th October 2023 at 21.15

In the Main Hall

Present: Bjorn Watson (Chair), Richard Bartle, Nathan Woodhouse, Elaine Ware, Julia Jones, Claire Winfield, Bob Sheldon, Simon Howell, Lucy Brown

In Attendance: Julia Evans, Lyn Frape

Public: 1 member of the public

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| 23/102 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Gerard Pearson, Stu Coffey | |
| 23/103 | DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None. | |
| 23//104 | MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER 2023 The minutes were approved. Proposed: CW, Seconded: RS. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed. | |
| 23/105 | MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA a) Replacement rope lights at the Memorial Hall. The Fete committee had given a donation toward replacement lights. Mr Honey was looking at suitable units and installation options. A letter of thanks to be sent to the Fete Committee. b) Replacement emergency sign at the playground. No progress. c) Plans for Open Day at the memorial hall. Refer to minute reference 23/108 (b) below. | RB JE |
| 23/106 | PUBLIC REPRESENTATION Nothing raised/ | |
| 23/107 | TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING a) To consider the proposal to form a crossing from Coppidthorne Meadow into the Canal Park. Covered at the Parish Council meeting. BW reported that it had been a difficult month for the Trust. He reminded Trustees that Watermill were coming in November to perform Macbeth. | |
| 23/108 | CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS a) Energy Audit. RS and BW to revisit this. A grant application had been submitted to Westmill Solar to cover some of the work. b) Update on Sports Pavilion snagging works. Complete. c) Update on loggia extension and toilet refurbishment. Work was about to start work on the S106 application. There had been a delay in receiving the final quote for toilet refurbishment. | BW/RS/JE CLOSED JE |
| 23/109 | TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS a) HMG – 3rd October. The minutes were not yet available. Everything discussed was covered by the agenda for this meeting. b) Publicity and Fundraising – 19th September. The group's name had been changed to Centenary Celebration Group. The group would be working the partnership with the Fete Committee. Notes | |

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| | from the meeting had been circulated. The next meeting was to be on 25 th October. An action plan for the next 18 months was to be prepared. | |
| 23/110 | TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST None. | |
| 23/111 | FINANCIAL MATTERS a) Bookings Report. The report was presented. Bookings were up on last month but were still below target overall. b) Financial Statement for August 2023. The Financial statement was discussed. It had been reviewed and approved at the O&F meeting. No issues were raised. Proposed JJ, Seconded RS. RESOLVED. c) September Payments. The payments were reviewed and approved. Proposed JJ, Seconded RB. RESOLVED. d) Pavilion Rate Relief. As a charity the trust had been granted 80% rate relief on the sports pavilion, but had not been awarded the 20% discretionary relief. The amount due for the current year was £675. | |
| 23/112 | RECREATION GROUND MATTERS a) Mini-MUGA. Work had started. b) Laurel Bush. Awaiting quotes for the work. c) RoSPA Report – Sourcing new swing shackles. | LF JE |
| 23/113 | ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTHS AGENDA None. JJ reported that Rain or Shine had been cancelled as the date was close to the Watermill performance and the Pantomime. A new date in February had been suggested. | |
| 23/114 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 1 st November 2023 at approx. 9pm | |

Meeting closed at 21.29