

VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON TRUST

Minutes of meeting held on 6th September 2023 at 21.15

In the Main Hall

Present: Bjorn Watson (Chair), Richard Bartle, Nathan Woodhouse, Elaine Ware, Gerard Pearson, Julia Jones, Claire Winfield, Bob Sheldon, Stu Coffey, Simon Howell

In Attendance: Julia Evans, Lyn Frape

Public: 1 member of the public

23/88	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Lucy Brown.	
23/89	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None.	
23//90	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th JULY 2023 The minutes were approved. Proposed: RB, Seconded: SC. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
23/91	MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA None	
23/92	PUBLIC REPRESENTATION The member of the public asked whether there was still cutlery and crockery at the Memorial Hall. It was confirmed that it was still available..	
23/93	TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING a) Rope Lights on the Memorial Hall. EW reported that the lights were broken and needed to be replaced as they were very old. She felt that there may be organisations that might consider a donation toward the cost of replacement lights. JE to establish how much that would be,	JE
23/94	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS a) Platinum Jubilee Fund. The grant application has been successful and £20k had been awarded toward the cost of the loggia extension. b) Energy Audit. A meeting had been held to discuss priorities. A number of actions had been identified. Grant funding was to be applied for from Westmill Solar. c) Update on Sports Pavilion snagging works. There were still a few minor issues to be attended to by PJE.	CLOSED BW/RS/JE
23/95	TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS a) HMG – 31st August. Meeting was cancelled. b) Publicity and Fundraising – 4th September. The meeting had been postponed to 12 th September. There had been an idea to hold a Christmas fair, but as there were already several local events at that time it was decided not to go ahead. BW wanted to focus on the plans for the loggia extension and toilet refurbishment. EW to join the committee. Watermill had been booked for November and Rain or Shine for December.	
23/96	TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TRUSTEES ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST There had been a meeting with the small-bore club. They outlined their plans to develop their facilities. These were dependent upon funding.	

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23/97	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <p>a) Bookings Report. The report was presented. Overall bookings were down £13k against budget,</p> <p>b) Financial Statement for July 2023. The Financial statement was discussed. It had been reviewed and approved at the O&F meeting. No issues were raised. Proposed RS, Seconded GP. RESOLVED.</p> <p>c) August Payments. The payments were reviewed and approved. Proposed RB, Seconded SC. RESOLVED.</p> <p>d) Appointment of Internal Auditor. Lightatouch was appointed. Proposed RB, Seconded RS. RESOLVED.</p>	
23/98	<p>RECREATION GROUND MATTERS</p> <p>a) 2023 RoSPA Report. The report had been circulated. There were a number of issues that required attention. A plan to be developed and presented to the Trust. EW suggested that the budget for maintenance of the play area be increased next year. GP noted that the emergency sign was out of date, JE to look at this.</p> <p>b) Mini-MUGA. No progress. JE to chase.</p> <p>c) Laurel Bush. Quotes for the work to be obtained</p>	<p>JE</p> <p>JE</p> <p>LF</p>
23/99	<p>VILLAGE SURVEY</p> <p>CW proposed issuing a survey to the village to establish was events people would like to attend at the Memorial Hall. BW wanted to hold an exhibition to outline plans for the Memorial Hall and suggested having the survey to hand at the same time. RB did not think it was the Trust's role to provide community events, simply the spaces to hold them. EW felt that the focus of any promotion should be on improvements to the hall and the centenary celebrations in 2025. BW emphasised the need for an open day. It was agreed to scope this out and bring the plans to the next meeting. Proposed SH, Seconded CW. RESOLVED. SH and EW to progress.</p>	<p>SH/EW</p>
23/100	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTHS AGENDA</p> <p>a) NW suggested asking Cala to display a posted about the Memorial Hall. To be raised at the next meeting with Cala.</p> <p>b) SC noted that the air space change proposal had been shelved.</p>	
23/101	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Wednesday 4th October 2023 at approx. 9pm</p>	

Meeting closed at 22.01