

Humshaugh Village Hall

The Scheme

County - Northumberland.

Place - Humshaugh.

Charity - Humshaugh Village Hall.

Stamp £1 Scheme including appointment of Trustees and vesting in Official Custodian for Charities.

CHARITY COMMISSION.

In the matter of the Charity called Humshaugh Village Hall, at Humshaugh, in the County of Northumberland, comprised in a. conveyance dated the 12th November 1929; and In the matter of the Charities Act, 1960.

THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES HEREBY ORDER that the following Scheme be approved and established as the Scheme for the above-mentioned Charity.

SCHEME.

1. Administration of Charity— The above-mentioned Charity and the property thereof specified in the schedule hereto and all other the property (if any) of the Charity shall be administered and managed in conformity with the provisions of this Scheme by the Committee of Management hereinafter constituted as the charity trustees thereof within the meaning of section 46 of the Charities Act, 1960:

Provided that until the end of the first annual general meeting to be held as hereinafter provided after the date of this Scheme the Charity shall be administered by the existing Trustees of the Charity in accordance with the provisions of "the Scheme".

2. Vesting- The land with the buildings thereon specified in the said Schedule is hereby vested in the Official Custodian for Charities for all the estate and interest therein belonging to or held in trust for the Charity

3. Object of the Charity-

(1) The object of the Charity shall be the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Humshaugh and that part of the Parish of Warden, in the County of Northumberland, which is demarcated on the plan 'A' drawn on the above-mentioned conveyance dated the 12th November 1929 (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

(2) The said land and buildings shall be held upon trust for the purposes of a village hall as aforesaid.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

4. Constitution.

Subject as hereinafter provided, the Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) shall consist of a maximum of twelve persons (hereinafter referred to as Members) including

- Six Elected Members
- and up to six Representative Members.

5. Subject as hereinafter provided for casual vacancies, the Elected Members shall be appointed at the annual general meeting to be held as hereinafter provided and shall hold Office from the end of the annual general meeting at which they are appointed.

6. Representative Members.

(1) The Committee will invite regular hall user groups plus the Humshaugh Parish Council to appoint a Representative Member. Organisations so invited will be notified by the Committee no less than 3 months before each AGM of their right to appoint a representative to serve on the Committee

(2) Each organisation shall notify to the secretary of the Committee the name of the person appointed by it and in the event of more than 5 nominations from groups excluding the Parish Council a ballot will be held at the AGM.

(3) Representative Members will commence their term of office at the Annual General Meeting.

(4) If fewer than 6 Representative Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting, an organisation entitled to appoint a Representative Member may apply to join the committee at a later date. The term of office of a Representative Member so appointed shall end at the next Annual General Meeting.

8. Co-optative Members.

The Committee may appoint if they think fit Co-optative Members. Each appointment of a Co-optative Member shall be made at a meeting of the Committee to take effect from the date of that meeting. The number of Co-optative Members appointed must not increase the number of Members beyond the maximum allowed under Clause 4.

9. Termination of membership.

(1) Any Member who is adjudged bankrupt or makes a composition or arrangement with his or her creditors or who is incapacitated from acting or who communicates in writing to the Committee a wish to resign shall thereupon cease to be a Member.

(2) All the Elected, Representative and Co-optative Members shall retire from office together at the end of the annual general meeting next after the date on which they came into office but they may be re-elected or re-appointed.

10. Alteration of Constitution of Committee.

The constitution of the Committee as herein before provided may on the application of the Committee be altered from time to time by Order of the Charity Commissioners.

11. Casual Vacancies

(1) Upon the occurrence of a casual vacancy the Committee shall cause a note thereof to be entered in their minute book at their next meeting and in the case of a vacancy in the office of a Representative Member shall cause notice thereof to be given as soon as possible to the organisation entitled to fill the vacancy.

(2) A casual vacancy in the office of Elected Member may be filled at a meeting of the Committee to take effect from the date of that meeting. -

12. Failure to appoint

The proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among its Members or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a Member.

13. Declaration by Members.

No person shall be entitled to act as a Member whether on a first or on any subsequent entry into office until after signing in the minute book of the Committee a declaration of acceptance and of willingness to act in the trusts of this Scheme.

14. Members not to be personally interested.

Except in special circumstances with the approval in writing of the Commissioners no Member shall take or hold any interest in any property belonging to the Charity otherwise than as a trustee for the purposes thereof, or receive any remuneration, or be interested in the supply of work or goods, at the cost of the Charity.

MEETING AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

15. Meetings of the Committee.

The Committee shall hold at least two ordinary meetings in each year. A special meeting may be summoned at any time by the chairman or by any two Members upon seven clear days notice being given to all the other Members of the matters to be discussed.

16. Committee officers.

(1) At the first meeting in each year after the annual general meeting the Committee shall elect the following Officers from members of the Committee

- Chairman
- Vice chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary

to serve until the commencement of the first meeting after the annual general meeting in the following year. Officers so elected shall always be eligible for re-election.

(2) If the chairman and vice-chairman (if any) are absent from any meeting of the Committee the Members shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting before any other business is transacted.

17. Voting

Except as herein before provided every matter shall be determined by the majority of votes of the Members present and voting on the question but in case of equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

18. Minutes and accounts.

A minute book and books of account shall be provided and kept by the Committee.

19. Rules.

Within the limits prescribed by this Scheme the Committee may from time to time make and alter rules for the conduct of their business and for the summoning and conduct of their meetings and in particular with reference to -

- (1) the terms and conditions upon which the said buildings may be used for the purposes specified in this Scheme by persons or bodies other than the Committee and the sum (if any) to be paid for such use;
- (2) the appointment of an auditor, treasurer and such other unpaid officers as the Committee may consider necessary and the fixing of their respective terms of office;

(3) the engagement and dismissal of such paid officers and servants as the Committee may consider necessary; and

(4) the number of Members who shall form a quorum at meetings of the Committee, provided that the number of Members who shall form a quorum shall not be less than one-third of the total number of Members for the time being.

INSURANCE.

20. Insurance.-

The Committee shall insure the said buildings and the furniture and effects therein to the full value thereof against fire and other usual risks and shall suitably insure against risks arising out of the ownership of property and the employment of persons.

APPLICATION OF INCOME.

21. Receipts and expenditure. –

(1) The income of the Charity including all payments for the use of the said buildings and all donations for the benefit thereof shall be paid into a trust account at such bank as the Committee shall from time to time prescribe.

(2) The moneys standing to the credit of the said account shall be applied as the Committee shall decide in insuring as aforesaid, in maintaining and repairing the said buildings and the furniture and effects therein and in paying all rent (if any), rates, taxes, salaries of paid officers and servants and other outgoings and in otherwise furthering the object of the Charity.

22. Surplus cash.

Sums of cash at any time belonging to the Charity and not needed for immediate working purposes shall be invested in the name of the said Official Custodian unless the Commissioners otherwise direct.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

23. Annual general meeting. -

1) There shall be an annual general meeting in connexion with the Charity which shall be held in the month of January in each year or as soon as practicable thereafter.

(2) All inhabitants of the area of benefit of 18 years of age and upward shall be entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting.

(3) The first annual general meeting shall be convened by the existing Trustees of the Charity and every subsequent annual general meeting shall be convened by the Committee.

(4) Public notice of every annual general meeting shall be given in the area of benefit at least 14 days before the date thereof.

(5) Before any other business is transacted at the first annual general meeting after the date of this Scheme, the persons present thereat shall appoint a chairman of the meeting. The chairman of subsequent annual general meetings shall be the chairman for the time being of the Committee, but if he or she is not present, before any other business is transacted, the persons present shall appoint a chairman of the meeting.

(6) The Committee shall present to each annual general meeting the report and accounts of the Charity for the preceding year.

SALE.

25. Sale.

If the said land and buildings or any part thereof shall in the opinion of the Committee no longer be required for use for the object of the Charity the Committee may sell the same or any such part as aforesaid subject nevertheless -

(1) to the consent of three-quarters of the persons present and voting at a special general meeting of the inhabitants of the area of benefit of 18 years of age and upward, provided that public notice of such meeting shall have been given in the area of benefit at least 14 days before the date thereof specifying the matter to be discussed;

(2) to the authority of any further Order or Orders of the Commissioner

25.1 to buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire property and to maintain and equip it for use;

25.2 to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the charity. In exercising this power, the trustees must comply as appropriate with sections 117 - 122 of the Charities Act 2011

26. Proceeds of sale.

The Committee shall apply the clear proceeds of any such sale as aforesaid either in the purchase of other land and buildings to be held upon the trusts of this Scheme or for such other charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit as the Committee shall think fit.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

27. Donations

The Committee may accept any donations or property for the general purposes of the Charity and they may also accept donations or property for any special object connected with the Charity not inconsistent with the provisions of this Scheme.

28. Questions under the Scheme.

Any question as to the construction of this Scheme or as to the regularity or the validity of any acts done or about to be done under this Scheme shall be determined by the Commissioners upon such application made to them for the purpose as they think sufficient.

SCHEDULE.

Land containing 1844 square yards or thereabouts situate at Humshaugh County of Northumberland having a frontage on the east to the Road leading from Chollerford to Humshaugh of 158 feet or thereabouts with the buildings thereon known as Humshaugh Village Hall being the land comprised in the above-mentioned conveyance dated the 12th November 1929 and made between John Maurice Clayton of the one part and Alfred Major Allgood and five others of the other part.

£14.71 cash on deposit account at the Priestpopple branch of Lloyds Bank Limited at Hexham being accumulations of income.

£299.51 cash on current account at the said branch of the said bank. .

Sealed by Order of the Commissioners this 21st day of February 1980.