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THIS DEED OF GIFT is made the Nineteenth day of November One thousand nine hundred and fifty seven BETWEEN THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MATTHEW WHITE VISCOUNT RIDLEY AND BARON WENSLEYDALE of Blagdon and Blyth both in the County of Northumberland (hereinafter called "the Donor") of the one part and THE PARISH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF STANNINGTON in the County of Northumberland (hereinafter called "the Council") of the other part

WHEREAS

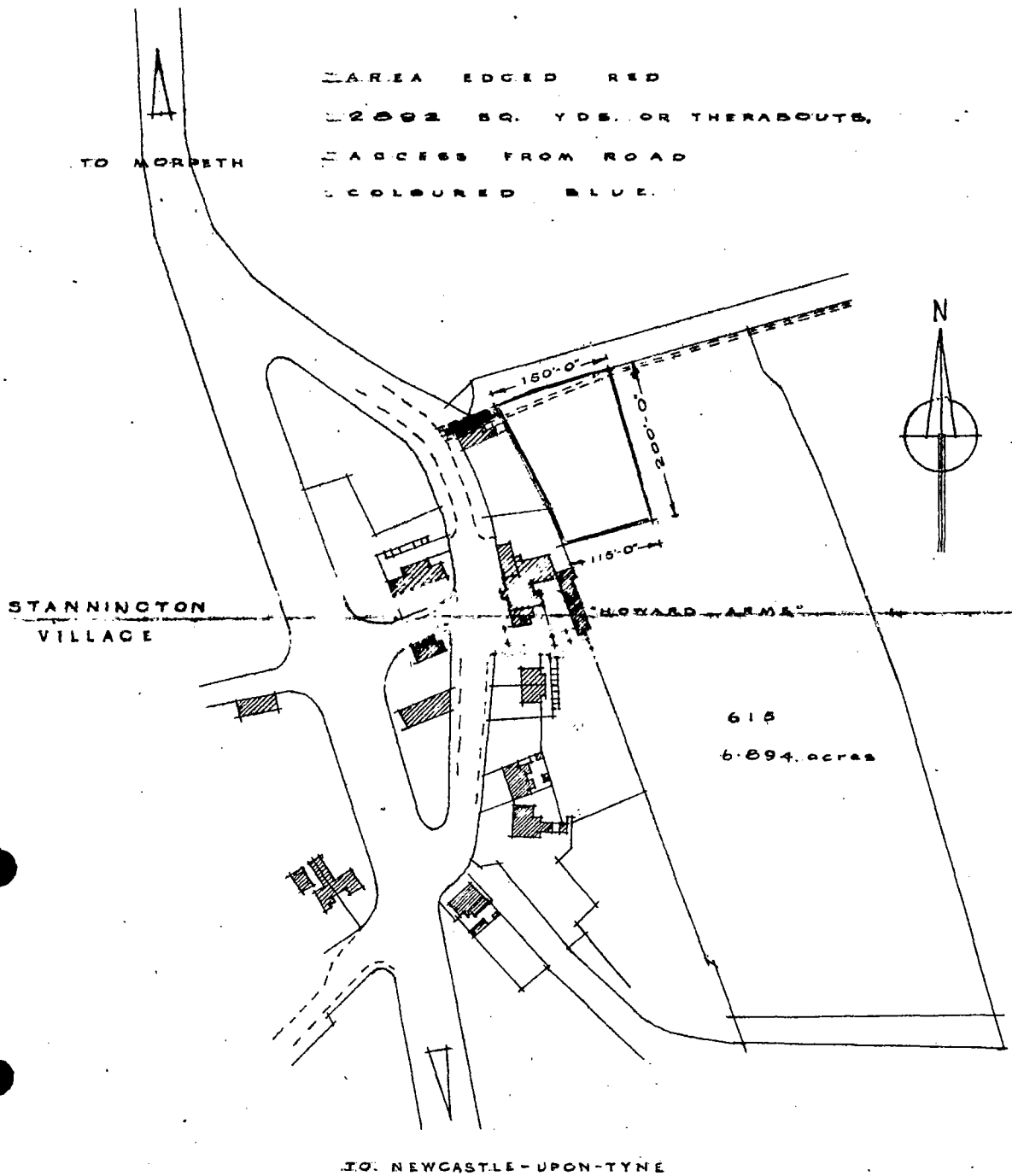
(1) BY a Principal Vesting Deed dated the seventh day of January One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight and made between The Honourable Sir Edward Ridley Lambert William Middleton The Right Honourable Frederick John Napier Viscount Chelmsford and The Right Honourable Ivor Churchill Viscount Wimbourne of the first part The Right Honourable Rosamund Cornelia Gwladys Dowager Viscountess Ridley and The Honourable Jaster Nicholas Ridley of the second part The Honourable Jasper Nicholas Ridley and The Right Honourable Wentworth Henry Canning Viscount Allendale of the third part and the Donor of the fourth part the piece of land hereby conveyed together with other property was declared to be vested in the Donor in fee simple upon the trusts of the Settlement therein mentioned

(2) THE Donor is desirous of conveying the said piece of land to the Council by way of gift and the Council has agreed to accept the same pursuant to section 268 of the Local Government Act 1933

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH as follows:-

1. IN consideration of the premises and in exercise of all powers given to him by the Settled Land Act 1925 and by the said settlement the Donor hereby conveys unto the Council ALL THAT piece of land situate at Stannington in the County of Northumberland more particularly delineated with its dimensions and abutments on the plan hereto annexed and thereon edged red TOGETHER with a right in common with the Donor and all other persons entitled to a like right of passing and repassing with or without vehicles at all times and for all purposes connected with the use and enjoyment of the said piece of land over and along the strip of land coloured blue on the said plan EXCEPT AND RESERVED to the Donor in fee simple and his lessees all mines and minerals within and under the said piece of land with liberty by underground operations only to work and carry away the same and any other mines and minerals whatsoever and that without leaving support for the surface of any buildings thereon and also liberty to make maintain and use drifts and tunnels through the said piece of land for any purpose the person or persons exercising the reserved liberties making such compensation to the Council or its assigns for any damage to

PROPOSED VILLAGE HALL
 AT STANNINGTON
 SITE PLAN



SCALE: 1/2500
 DRAWING NO. SYN/1A.
 JULY 1953

A.K. TASKER & AUSTIN CHILD,
 CHARTERED ARCHITECTS,
 25, NEW BRIDGE STREET,
 NEWCASTLE ON TYNE, N.

be occasioned to it thereby as is provided for by the Lease or Leases of the mines and minerals to such person or persons but as to coal subject to the rights therein vested in the National Coal Board TO HOLD the same unto the Council in fee simple for the purposes of section 268 of the Local Government Act 1933 and subject to the provisions set out in the First Schedule hereto and subject also to the covenants hereinafter contained

2. THE Council hereby covenant with the Donor and the persons deriving title through or under him the owner or owners from time to time of such portions of the land in the Parish of Stannington comprised in the said Vesting Deed as immediately after the execution of this Deed will remain vested in the Donor (which portions are hereinafter referred to as "the protected lands") and so as to bind the land hereby conveyed so far as may be into whosoever hands the same may come and for the benefit of the protected lands and every part thereof that no part of the property hereby conveyed or any erection or building thereon shall be used as an inn or alehouse or for the sale or disposal in any manner (including sale or disposal to members of a club or others) of wines spirits or malt liquors or for any trade business or manufacture or for anything which may cause any nuisance or annoyance to the neighbourhood provided that the foregoing restriction against the sale of wines spirits and malt liquors shall not apply so long as the land hereby conveyed and any erection or building thereon continues to be managed in accordance with paragraphs 1. to 12. inclusive of the First Schedule hereto

3. THE Council hereby further covenants with the Donor that the Council will

- (a) Erect and forever thereafter maintain substantial fences to the satisfaction of the Donor's Agent on the southerly and easterly sides of the said piece of land and
- (b) Keep the Donor and his successors in title indemnified in respect of any costs or expenses of making up as a road the said strip of land coloured blue on the said plan

4. THE Donor hereby acknowledges the right of the Council to production and delivery of copies of the deeds specified in the Third Schedule hereto

5. IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the transaction hereby effected does not form part of a larger transaction or of a series of transactions in respect of which the amount or value or the aggregate amount or value of the property conveyed exceeds Three thousand five hundred pounds

IN WITNESS whereof the Donor has hereunto set his hand and seal and
Joseph Maurice Grey and Norman Graham
two Members of the Council have on behalf of the Council set their hands
and seals the day and year first hereinbefore written

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

1. The general management and control of the land hereby conveyed and the arrangements for its use shall be vested in a Committee of Management (hereinafter called "the Committee") consisting of not more than Fifteen members (exclusive of members co-opted under the power hereinafter contained) of whom six shall be elected at the first general meeting referred to in Clause 2 hereon in the first instance and on each subsequent election of members at the Annual General Meeting. The Nine organisations mentioned in the second column of the Second Schedule hereto shall each have the right to appoint one member of the Committee both in the first instance and on the occasion of each annual appointment of members. The persons whose names appear in the first column of the Second Schedule hereto have been appointed by the organisations mentioned opposite their respective names in the second column of that Schedule and shall together with the members elected at the first General Meeting as aforesaid be the first members of the Committee. Until the first General Meeting has been held the persons named in the first column of the Second Schedule shall have power to act. In addition to the members of the Committee appointed and elected as above the Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than eight members to represent interests in the said Parish not represented by any organisation.

2. There shall be an Annual General Meeting to be convened by the Committee in the month of April in each year the first of such meetings (hereinafter called "the first General Meeting") to be convened in the month of

May One thousand nine hundred and fifty eight by one week's notice to be affixed in some conspicuous part of the said land or other conspicuous place or places in the said Parish of the inhabitants of the age of Eighteen years or upwards of either sex for the purpose of receiving the Report and Accounts of the Committee and for accepting the resignations of members of the Committee and for the purpose of electing six members under Clause 1 hereof and for taking such action as it may decide under Clause 6 hereof provided nevertheless that if in any year an Annual General Meeting shall not be convened and held in the month of April the Annual General Meeting for that year shall be held as soon as practicable after the month of April

3. The Committee shall have power by a Resolution of the Committee passed

at a meeting at which not less than two thirds of all the members of the Committee vote in favour of the Resolution to allow any existing organisation in the said parish not mentioned in the second column of the Second Schedule hereto and any other organisation which may hereafter be formed in the said Parish to appoint an additional member of the Committee in the same manner as if such organisation had been mentioned in the second column of the Second Schedule hereto and for this purpose the total number of members of the Committee as provided for in Clause 1 hereof may be increased

4. All members of the Committee shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting. Every organisation entitled to appoint a member of the Committee to take the place of a member retiring at an Annual General Meeting shall make the appointment at any time within one month before the Annual General Meeting at which the retiring member of the Committee shall retire. A retiring member shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election

5. A casual vacancy arising from the death or resignation or removal of an appointed member of the Committee shall be filled by the organisation by which such member shall have been appointed and the person so appointed shall retire at the time when the vacating member would have retired. In the event of a vacancy arising through the death resignation or removal of a member of the Committee elected by the Annual General Meeting the Committee shall have power to fill such vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting

6. If any organisation entitled to appoint a member of the Committee ceases to exist or fails to make an appointment in manner aforesaid before the Annual General Meeting in any year the Annual General Meeting shall decide in what way if at all the vacancy shall be filled

7. The proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among its members or by any defect in the appointment or qualification of any member

8. The Committee may from time to time make and alter Rules for the conduct of its business and for the summoning conduct and recording in a Minute Book of its meetings and in particular with reference to:

- (a) The terms and conditions upon which the said land may be used and the sum (if any) to be paid for such use
- (b) The appointment of an Auditor Treasurer and such other unpaid officers as it may consider necessary and the fixing of their respective terms of office
- (c) The engagement and dismissal of such paid officers and servants for the said land as it may consider necessary
- (d) The number of members who shall form a quorum at its meetings provided

that the number of members who shall form a quorum shall never be less than a third of the total number of members of the Committee

9. All payments in respect of the use of the said land and all donations for the benefit thereof shall be paid into a separate account at Lloyds Bank Limited at Morpeth or at such other Bank as shall from time to time be substituted by the Committee any such substitution to be endorsed upon this Deed with a copy of the Resolution relating thereto

10. The moneys standing to the credit of the said account shall be applied as the Committee shall decide in maintaining repairing and insuring the said land or any buildings thereon or the furniture and effects therein and in paying rent rates taxes salaries wages and other outgoings and in providing furniture equipment games books newspapers periodicals and other literature and means of recreation and otherwise for the maintenance and improvement of the said land

11. The Committee shall provide the Council with sufficient funds to meet all such expenditure in connection with the said land as the Council may be liable for and shall keep the Council indemnified against all liability in respect thereof

12. The Committee may upon the vote of a majority of its members and with the consent of the Council and any other consents required by law from time to time by mortgage or otherwise obtain such advances on the security of the said land or any part thereof as may be required for maintaining extending or improving the same or any part thereof or erecting any building thereon or for the work carried on therein and may continue or repay in whole or in part and from time to time any existing mortgage or charge on the said property

13. If the Committee by a majority decides at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to discontinue the use of the whole or any part of the said land in manner hereinbefore indicated it shall call a Meeting of the inhabitants of the age of Eighteen years or upwards of the said Parish of which Meeting not less than Fourteen days notice (stating the terms of the Resolution that will be proposed thereat) shall be posted in a conspicuous place or places on the said land and advertised in a newspaper circulating in the said Parish and if such decision shall be confirmed by a majority of such inhabitants present at such Meeting and voting the Committee may with the consent of the Council and any other consents required by law let or sell the said land or any part thereof. All moneys arising from such letting or sale (after deduction of any liabilities properly payable thereout) shall with such consent as aforesaid be applied either in the purchase of other property

approved by the Committee and to be held subject to the provisions hereinbefore set forth (including this power) or as near thereto as circumstances will permit or towards such purposes or objects as the Council with such consents as aforesaid shall approve and meanwhile such moneys and any income arising thereon shall be held or invested in such manners as the Council with such consents as aforesaid shall decide

14. If any Rules made under the power in that behalf hereinbefore contained are inconsistent with the provisions of these presents the latter shall prevail

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

Column 1.	Column 2
Name and addresses of Representatives	Organisations
Mrs. M. Robson, Catraw, Stannington	Stannington Women's Institute
H. Thompson, The Shop, Stannington	Blagdon Cricket Club
C. Wheeler, Blagdon Seaton Burn	Blagdon Football Club
G. F. Pettit, Blagdon House Seaton Burn	Stannington Boy Scouts
T. Davidson, New Cottage, Blagdon	Stannington Odd Fellows
T. Mitchell, Stannington Northumberland	Stannington Branch British Legion
C. Brown, Glowran, Stannington	Stannington Parochial Church Council
A. Smith, The Garden, Stannington	Stannington Flower Show Committee
Viscount Ridley, Blagdon Seaton Burn	Stannington School Managers

THE THIRD SCHEDULE

7th January, 1928 THE hereinbefore recited Principal Vesting Deed

6th November, 1951 DEED OF DECLARATION made by the said The Right Honourable Wentworth Henry Canning Viscount Allendale and the Donor

12th May, 1952 DEED OF DECLARATION made by the said Viscount Allendale the Donor and the Honourable Matthew White Ridley

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said)
 The Right Honourable Matthew White
 Viscount Ridley and Baron Wensleydale
 in the presence of:-

Ridley

L.S.

Adeline Dempster
 Blagdon, Seaton Burn,
 Northumberland.
 Secretary

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the
said Joseph Maurice Grey
on behalf of the Council in the
presence of:-

John C. Edwards,
Blagdon Estate Office,
Seaton Burn,
Land Agent

J.M. Grey

L.S.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the
said Norman Graham
on behalf of the Council in the
presence of:-

John C. Edwards,
Blagdon Estate Office,
Seaton Burn,
Land Agent.

N.Graham

L.S.

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DATED 19th November

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE VISCOUNT

RIDLEY AND BARON WENSLEYDALE

to

STANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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DEED OF GIFT

relating to land at Stannington in
the County of Northumberland.

ENROLLED IN THE BOOKS OF THE MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS
OF SECTION 6 (2) OF THE MORTMAIN AND
CHARITABLE USES ACT, 1888, AND SECTION 1
OF THE MORTMAIN AND CHARITABLE USES
ACT, AMENDMENT ACT, 1892.

Dees & Thompson
Newcastle upon Tyne, 1.

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THIS TRUST DEED made the Fifth day of February

One thousand nine hundred and fifty nine by the PARISH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF STANNINGTON in the County of Northumberland (hereinafter called "the Council") SUPPLEMENTAL to a Deed of Gift dated the Nineteenth day of November One thousand nine hundred and fifty seven and made between The Right Honourable Matthew White Viscount Ridley and Baron Wensleydale of the one part and the Council of the other part WITNESSETH that the Council hereby declares that in addition and without prejudice to the management and other trusts declared in the said Deed of Gift the property comprised in the said Deed of Gift shall henceforth be held on trust for the purposes of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the said Parish of Stannington and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions and in particular for use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants

IN WITNESS whereof Norman Graham----- and

Matthew White Ridley Two Members of the Council have on behalf of the Council set their hands and seals the day and year first hereinbefore written.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the }
said Norman Graham }
on behalf of the Council in the }
presence of :- }

Norman Graham L.S.

Adeline Dempster,
Blagdon, Seaton Burn,
Northumberland.
Clerk to the Council

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the }
said Matthew White Ridley }
on behalf of the Council in the }
presence of :- }

Matthew White Ridley L.S.

Adeline Dempster,
Blagdon, Seaton Burn,
Northumberland.
Clerk to the Council.

DATED 5th February 1958

IN THE MATTER OF A DEED OF GIFT
DATED 19th NOVEMBER 1957 RELATING
TO LAND AT STANNINGTON IN THE
COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND

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SUPPLEMENTAL DEED

de clarifying trusts for the purposes
of a Village Hall.

Dees & Thompson,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

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Stannington Village Hall

Day-to-Day Rules and Procedure

Stannington Village Hall is a registered charity – registration number 522140

The property is held in trust by Stannington Parish Council, which acts as the Custodian Trustee and holds the legal title to the land and property and acts on the lawful direction of the Management Committee.

Responsibilities of Charity Trustees

The management committee are the Management Trustees of the Charity, with full responsibility for the day to day management of the charity.

All trustees, whether elected, or nominated by organisations using the village hall, have a responsibility to always act in the best interests of the charity.

Frequency of meetings

The committee must meet at least 4 times a year

Attendance at meetings

Committee members are expected to attend all meetings. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, that member must notify one of the Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) before the meeting, so that apologies can be given to the committee and absence recorded in the minutes

If a member fails to attend two consecutive meetings without giving his/her apologies, the Management Committee reserves the right to contact them, to ascertain whether the individual wishes to continue as a Trustee. Where the member is an appointee of a user group, the Management Committee will request that the organisation they represent, appoint an alternative appointee.

Notice of committee meetings

Notification of forthcoming committee meetings will be made by personal delivery or via Royal Mail or by e-mail notification, to the registered address of each committee member. It is the responsibility of all committee members to notify one of the Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) of any change of address.

Notice of AGM and Extraordinary meetings

The AGM - requires notice of a minimum of one week. Notice/s must be put up in a conspicuous place/s

Extraordinary meetings – require notice of a minimum of 14 days and the notice/s to be put up in a conspicuous place/s, clearly stating the business to be transacted

Agenda

The purpose of the agenda is to allow members time to consider the business under review and possibly consult those they may represent. A copy of the agenda and forthcoming meeting must reach each member at least 24 hrs before the meeting. Should a member wish to raise an issue for discussion at the next meeting, he/she must contact an officer of the committee at least 6 days before the meeting and request that the item be included on the agenda

Any other business

The purpose of AOB is to give members an opportunity to raise matters of minor importance, or matters that may have arisen which require urgent action, to be addressed at the meeting, which are not specified on the agenda.

In the event an item requiring a full discussion, or if the matter is not urgent, the Chairman must insist that the matter is put onto the agenda for consideration at the following meeting.

Chairmanship

The chairman must preside at every meeting of the committee and at the AGM; if within 10 minutes of the starting time, the chairman is not present, the Vice Chairman must conduct proceedings. If in the event of neither of those officers being present, the meeting will be chaired by a person chosen by the members present.

Quorum

The number of committee members who shall form a quorum, can never be less than a third of the total number of members of the committee. No meeting can be held and no business transacted if no quorum is in place.

Extraordinary meetings

In the event of a member wishing to convene an extraordinary meeting to discuss a specific issue, that member must do so by written request to the chairman. Such a meeting can be called only with the agreement of two thirds of the membership.

The member calling the meeting must be in attendance. Only the specific business can be discussed and no other business can be transacted. Notice of a minimum of 14 days will be required and must be put up in a conspicuous place/s, clearly stating the business to be transacted

Motions (or proposals)

A motion is applied to any item of business or suggestion put forward for consideration at any meeting. It must begin with the word "That" and express its meaning clearly and concisely. All proposals must be seconded; once this occurs, each member of the committee will be allowed to speak only once, in order to put their views. When the debate is complete, a vote should be taken immediately. The number of votes for and against a motion should always be recorded in the minutes.

Amendments to Motions (proposals)

Amendments substitute, add, or delete words anywhere in a motion, with the object of improving it. The purpose of an amendment is to incorporate in the motion, suggestions and opinions arising out of discussion. Amendments to motions must be voted on before the original proposal is out to the vote

Voting

The chairman has a casting vote, in addition to his/her own vote. All other committee members (over the age of 18 years) have one vote; this includes co-opted members.

Declaring interests

In the event of any member having pecuniary or material interest in any business being discussed by the committee, this must be declared at the outset. The member in question may be required to absent him/herself during the discussion and must abstain from voting.

Decisions outside full committee

All decisions should be made by full committee. The only exception to this rule is in the event of an emergency, when the officers of the committee are empowered to guarantee the safety and security of the premises. In the event of this occurring, any such decision can only be taken with the agreement of at least 2 Officers of the committee (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer)

Finance

All cheques must be signed by any two of the four officers (signatories) – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. Bank accounts in the organisations name can only be opened with the signatures of any two of the four Officers and with the written/minuted agreement of a majority of the full committee.

Resignation of Officers

In the event of an elected officer resigning from the committee during their period of office (other than at the AGM), the committee has the power to appoint a replacement until the next AGM.

Changes to Rules of Procedure

Changes of these Rules of Procedure can only be made at the AGM, or at a specially convened Extraordinary General Meeting, where the business to be transacted is stated. Any member may propose such changes by circulating to the full committee the change, in writing at least 1 month before the AGM/Extraordinary meeting.

This document - 'Day to Day Rules and Procedure' was agreed and adopted by the Management Committee of Stannington Village Hall on;

Date

Signed

Stannington Village Hall

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THE FIRST SCHEDULE

(Constitution)

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2. There shall be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be convened by the committee in the month of April in each year the first of such meetings (herein called "the First General Meeting") to be convened in the month of May, 1958 by one week's notice to be affixed in some conspicuous part of the said land or other conspicuous place or places in the said parishes of the inhabitants of the age of 18 yrs or upwards of either sex for the purpose of receiving the Report and Accounts of the committee and for the purpose of electing 6 members under Clause 1 hereof and for taking such action as it may decide under clause 6 hereof provided nevertheless that if in any year an AGM shall not be convened and held in the month of April, the AGM for that year shall be held as soon as practicable after the month of April.
3. The Committee shall have power by Resolution of the Committee passed at a meeting at which not less than two thirds of all the members of the committee vote in favour of the Resolution to allow any existing organisation in the said parish not mentioned in the second column of the second schedule hereto and any other organisation which may hereafter be formed in the said Parish to appoint an additional member of the committee in the same manner as if such organisation had been mentioned in the second column of the second

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5. A casual vacancy arising from the death or resignation or removal of an appointed member of the committee shall be filled by the organisation by which such member shall have been appointed and the person so appointed shall retire at the time when the vacating member would have retired. In the event of a vacancy arising through the death, resignation or removal of a member of the committee elected by the AGM, the committee shall have the power to fill such vacancy until the next AGM
6. If any organisation entitled to appoint a member of the committee ceases to exist or fails to make an appointment in manner aforesaid, before the AGM in any year, the AGM shall decide in what way if at all, the vacancy shall be filled.
7. The proceedings of the committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among its members or by any defect in the appointment or qualification of any member
8. The Committee from time to time, make and alter rules for the conduct of its business and for the summoning conduct and recording in the Minute Book of its meetings and in particular with reference to;
 - (a) The terms and conditions upon which the said land may be used and the sum (if any) be paid for such use
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 - (c) The engagement and dismissal of such paid officers and servants for the said land as it may consider necessary.
 - (d) The number of members who shall form a quorum at its meetings provided that the number of members who shall form a quorum shall never be less than a third of the total number of members of the committee.
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committee, any such substitution to be endorsed upon this deed with a copy of the Resolution relating thereto.

10. The moneys standing to the credit of the said account, shall be applied as the committee shall decide in maintaining repairing and insuring the said land or any buildings thereon or the furniture and effects therein and in paying rent, rates, taxes, salaries, wages and other outgoings and in providing furniture, games, books, newspapers, periodicals and other literature and means of recreation and otherwise e for the maintenance and improvement of the said land.
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14. If any rules made under the power in that behalf hereinbefore contained are inconsistent with the provisions of these presents, the latter shall prevail.

DRAFT.

March 1988.

STANNINGTON VILLAGE HALL

SHORT HISTORY 1947-1988.
ABBREVIATED HISTORY

On the 4th October 1945 at a meeting held in the Schoolroom by Stannington Parish Council to discuss what arrangements should be made to commemorate the end of the War, the Council was of the opinion that a pre-war proposal for a Village Hall should be revived and also that a Playing field be provided.

A public meeting was held of parishioners and it was unanimously agreed to build a Village Hall with Playing Field in Stannington Village as a memorial to the war and those who took part in it.

A Committee for the Village Hall was made up of a representative from each activity.

In February of 1946 a General Fund was opened and Lord Ridley said he would give the land for the Hall and Playing Field to the Parish. Lord Ridley also arranged for the architectural work to be done.

Mr. N.Graham was appointed Treasurer of a General Building Fund.

Money was to be raised by having Sports Days, Flower Shows and Free Gift Sales, Whist Drives and Raffles etc. All parishioners were notified by letter and asked to contribute in one way or another towards the proposed Village Hall.

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Mr. R.Philipson of South Shotton offered a heifer to be raffled, and not only was the offer accepted but he was asked to run the raffle.

By October 1947, £823-11-6d had been raised and by October 1952 this sum had reached £1,332-12-0 and plans were made to lay the foundation stone on the new Village Hall in Coronation year.

In February 1953 the location and plans were finalised for the new Village Hall and the fund stood at £1,397-0-0.

Mr. J.Austin, Architect attended a meeting on the 7th May 1953 to finalise plans for the Hall with the Committee and to arrange the inscription for the foundation stone. The inscription was to read:

"Stannington Village Hall
Foundation Stone Laid By Viscount Ridley
2nd June 1953 Coronation Day"

The Committee were: Mr. G.F.Pettit, (Chairman), Lord Ridley, The Rev. J.Grey, Mr. N.Graham, Mr. J.Currie, Mr. W.Davidson, Mr. T.Dixon, Mr. G.Gittins, Mr. J.Hindmarsh, Mrs. Huntley, Mr. J.W.Lumley, Mrs. M.Robson, Mrs. Gibbins, Mrs. S.Robson, Mr. J.Robson, Mr. G.Stoker, Mr. A.Smith, Mr. W.Wintrip and Miss Dempster.

In December 1953 a building permit was applied for and the building fund stood at £1,570-0-0.

In April 1956 a scheme was worked out by the Architect to reduce the costs of building if volunteers from the Parish would be found to do some of the preparatory work, which would mean the Hall could be built for approximately £9,500-0-0.

Cash received by this time was made up of :

Village Hall Committee	1,800-0-0
Grants - Castle Morpeth R.D.C.	1,000-0-0
Ministry of Education	2,000-0-0
Stannington Parish Council	2,500-0-0
Loan from Development Commission	1,800-0-0
<i>Stannington Parish Council</i>	500-0-0
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Unfortunately the parish Council were not allowed to raise the £2,500-0-0 as permission was refused by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the Ministry of Education required.

a new Village Hall Committee to comply with the requirements for a grant.

A new committee was set up consisting of Lord Ridley (Chairman), Mr. N.Graham (Treasurer), Mrs. M.Robson, Mr. H.Thompson, Mr. C.Wheeler, Mr. G.F.Pettit, Mr. Davidson, Mr. T.Mitchell Snr., Mr. C.Brown, and Mr. A.Smith.

A revised estimate of £8,147-5-0 for a modified building was accepted in August 1958 and the Architect was instructed to accept the estimate of Messrs. Shield Bros. Ltd. and to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

The Hall was finally completed about the middle of May 1959.

The Hall was formally opened on 24th October 1959 by the Duke of Northumberland?

Since 1960 there have been several additions to the Hall:

1. A permanent stage
2. Supper Room
3. Heating
4. Extension to supper room (Jubilee Room 1977)

Since May 1987 the Village Hall has gradually been refurbished with the main hall, Jubilee Room Supper Room, Kitchen etc. all being re-decorated either by voluntary labour or contractors. New curtains have also been provided and the heating improved.

This much needed improvement was carried out by the Committee elected in May 1987 who have put great effort into the maintenance of the Hall for the benefit of the community.

Names of Committee.

Mr.G.Wiseman
Mrs.D.Robson
Mr. M.A.Ridley
Mrs. E.Ridley
Miss J.Robson
Mrs. D.Gallon
Mrs. D.Robertson

Mrs.S.Groves
Mr.W.Clark
Mr. R.Philipson
Mr.T.Aitchison
Mrs. C.Dungait
Mr.J.Morey
Mrs.E.Glass

G.Wiseman