

**Baldock United Almshouse Charities
Baldock Charity Estates**

Minutes of a meeting of the Trustees of the above, held on Friday 17th November 1989 at 7.30 p.m. at 17 Turpins Way.

Present: Rev. J.D. Atkinson (Chairman), Messrs. A. Evens, M. King, P. Walden, G. Bain, Mrs A. Clowes, Miss F. Wilkinson.

In attendance: Mr R. Page (Manager).

Apologies: Mr L. Townsend.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising: It was asked whether Mrs Hagger's furniture had been removed from number 32; Mrs Clowes believed it had.

Almshouse Trustees: It was agreed that according to the scheme governing the trust the Trustees were as follows:

The Rector, ex-officio;

4 Trustees nominated by NHDC, Messrs A. Evens, P. Walden, M. King, and Mrs A Clowes, their term presumed to run to 31st May 1993;

2 Co-optative Trustees, Mr G. Bain and Miss F. Wilkinson (All 3 existing co-opted trustees had offered to stand down, Mr L. Townsend having done so first, his offer was accepted).

Fifteen Houses Trustees: There being 6 existing Trustees, 2 vacancies existed. Mr A. Evens indicated he did not wish to be considered. Mr M. King indicated his willingness.

Almshouses: A letter from the Charity Commissioners to Mr R. Warr indicated that a scheme would be required to permit the Trustees to sell the land behind the Almshouses; a report would be required from a Chartered Surveyor; provision would have to be made for recoument of any resulting capital used for refurbishment of the houses.

The Chairman reported that Mr B. Lunnon had offered to pay the survey fees. Mr King stated he felt it was important that it was made clear that the surveyor was appointed by the Trustees. It was proposed by Mr M. King, seconded by Mrs A. Clowes, that the appointment of the surveyor be approved in principle, the actual appointment to be made by the Chairman and the Manager, carried unanimously.

The Chairman proposed, seconded by Miss F. Wilkinson, that the Trustees apply for a revised scheme as described in the Charity Commissioner's letter of 11th April 1989; carried unanimously.

Following discussion of the plan to apply for Charity Grants for refurbishment, the Chairman requested Mr King to liaise with Mr Warr on the position with Council grants.

Fifteen Houses: Following discussion of the current and alternative investments of the Fifteen Houses Charity, Mr M. King proposed, Mrs A. Clowes seconded, that £25,000 be transferred from the Simco 7-day fund to COIF Income Shares; carried unanimously.

The manager was asked to prepare an approximate forecast of the smaller income that would be available for the PCC in future years as a result of this change.

AOB: Mrs Clowes asked if there was any restriction on the type of house; the Chairman informed her there was none.

Next meeting: Friday 19th January at 17 Turpins Way. (subsequently changed to 1 The Rowans).

J. D. Atkinson
Chairman
19th January 1990.

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