

THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Under the power given in the Charities Act 1993

Order that from today, the

7 December 2006

the following

SCHEME

will govern the charity known as

FEN DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL (300385)

at

Fen Drayton, Cambridgeshire

Commissioners' References:

Sealing: W198(S)/06

Case No: 534467

SCHEME

1. Definitions

In this scheme:

“the area of benefit” means the Parish of Fen Drayton, Cambridgeshire and its neighbourhood.

“the charity” means the charity identified at the beginning of this scheme.

“the committee” means the committee of management of the charity.

“the Commissioners” means the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

“the existing trustees” means the persons listed in part 1 of the schedule to this scheme.

“the members” means the members of the committee (who are the charity trustees of the charity) acting under this scheme.

“the trusts” means the provisions which at any given time regulate the purposes and administration of the charity.

ADMINISTRATION

2. Administration

(1) Subject to sub-clause (2) of this clause, the charity is to be administered by the committee in accordance with this scheme. This scheme replaces the former trusts of the charity.

(2) The charity must be administered by the existing trustees until the end of the first annual general meeting held under this scheme. They must administer the charity in accordance with the provisions of this scheme.

3. Name of the charity

The name of the charity is Fen Drayton Village Hall.

OBJECTS

4. Object of the charity

(1) The object of the charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for use by the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

(a) meetings, lectures and classes; and

(b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation,

with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.

- (2) Subject to clause 24 below, the land identified in part 2 of the schedule to this scheme must be retained by the committee for use for the object of the charity.

POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

5. Powers of the committee

In addition to any other powers which they have, the committee may exercise the following powers in furtherance of the objects of the charity:

- (1) Power to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the charity's property which is not required by clause 4.2 above to be retained for use for the object(s) of the charity. (The committee must comply with the restrictions on disposal imposed by section 36 of the Charities Act 1993, unless the sale, lease or disposal is excepted from these restrictions by section 36(9)(b) or (c) or section 36(10) of that Act).
- (2) Power to provide and maintain furniture and equipment for use in the village hall.
- (3) Power to appoint staff (who must not be members) and pay them reasonable remuneration, including pension provision for them and their dependants.
- (4) Power to insure against public liability and, if appropriate, employers' liability; and to insure the buildings of the charity to their full value against fire and all other usual risks (except to the extent that the buildings are insured against any of these risks by a tenant).
- (5) Power to raise funds. (The committee must not undertake any permanent trading activity).
- (6) Power to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities. The committee may exchange information and advice with them.
- (7) Power to make rules and regulations consistent with this scheme for the management of the charity.

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE

6. Custodian trustee

Fen Drayton Parish Council will be the custodian trustee of the charity.

COMMITTEE

7. Committee of management

- (1) Subject as provided in clause 8, there should be:

three members nominated by Fen Drayton Parish Council;

one appointed member for each of the organisations listed in part 3 of the schedule to this scheme;

- (2) The committee may resolve to add the names of other organisations operating in the area of benefit to the list in part 3 of the schedule to this scheme. The resolution must be passed at an ordinary meeting of the committee by not less than two thirds of the members of the committee.
- (3) The members of the committee are the managing trustees of the charity.
- (4) The term of office of all members of the Committee will end at the end of the annual general meeting following the date on which they came into office. They may be re-elected or re-appointed.

8. Co-opted members

The committee may appoint not more than 2 co-opted members from the education or business communities with particular expertise. The appointment must be made at a special meeting of the committee. The appointment will be effective from the end of that meeting until the end of the following annual general meeting.

9. New members

The committee must give each new member on their first appointment:

- (1) a copy of this scheme and any amendments made to it;
- (2) a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts.

10. Register of members

- (1) The committee must keep a register of the name and address of every member and the dates on which their terms of office begin and end.
- (2) Before acting as a member, every member must (whether on their first appointment or on any later re-appointment) sign in the register a declaration of acceptance and willingness to act in the trusts of this scheme.
- (3) The committee must promptly report any vacancy in the office of appointed member to the body entitled to fill it.

11. Members not to have a personal interest

- (1) Subject to sub-clause (2) of this clause and except with the prior written approval of the Commissioners no member may:
 - (a) receive any benefit in money or in kind from the charity; or
 - (b) have a financial interest in the supply of goods or services to the charity; or
 - (c) acquire or hold any interest in property of the charity (except in order to hold it as a trustee of the charity).
- (2) All members may use the village hall as inhabitants of the area of benefit in accordance with the object of the charity.

12. Termination of membership

A member will cease to be a member if he or she:

- (1) is disqualified from acting as a trustee by section 72 of the Charities Act 1993; or
- (2) is absent without the permission of the members from all their meetings held within a period of 6 months and the members resolve that his or her office be vacated; or
- (3) gives not less than one month's notice in writing of his or her intention to resign (but only if at least one third of the total number of members will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).

OFFICERS

13. Chairman

- (1) At their first meeting in each year after the annual general meeting the members must elect from their number:
 - (a) a chairman to be chairman of their meetings; and
 - (b) a vice chairman.
- (2) The vice chairman will chair the meeting if the chairman is not present.
- (3) The members present at a meeting must elect one of their number to chair the meeting if the chairman or the vice chairman is not present or the office of chairman or vice chairman is vacant.

14. Secretary and treasurer

The committee may appoint a secretary and treasurer. The offices may be held by:

- (1) members (who must not receive any reward for acting and who may be dismissed as secretary or treasurer at any time); or
- (2) some other suitable persons (who may be employed upon such reasonable terms, including terms as to notice, as the committee think fit).

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

15. Ordinary meetings

- (1) The committee must hold at least 2 ordinary meetings in each year.
- (2) Ordinary meetings require at least 10 days' notice.
- (3) The chairman, or any two members, may call an ordinary meeting at any time.

16. Special meetings

- (1) The chairman, or any two members, may call a special meeting at any time.

- (2) Special meetings require at least 7 days' notice, except that meetings to consider the appointment of a co-opted member require at least 21 days' notice.
- (3) The notice calling a special meeting must include details of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (4) A special meeting may, but need not, be held immediately before or after an ordinary meeting.

17. Quorum

- (1) Subject to sub-clause (2) below, no business may be transacted at a meeting unless there are present at least one-third of the total number of members.
- (2) If there are fewer than one third of the total number of members in office, the committee may take such action as is required for the purpose of filling vacancies in its number, but it may not do any other business.

18. Voting

- (1) Every matter must be decided by majority decision of the members present and voting at a duly convened meeting of the committee.
- (2) The chairman of the meeting may cast a second or casting vote only if there is a tied vote.

19. Recording of meetings

The committee must keep a proper record of its meetings. The record must be retained by:

- (1) the secretary; or
- (2) another suitable person appointed by the committee to do so

who must allow the members access to it.

20. Members to act jointly

The members must exercise their powers jointly, at properly convened meetings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21. Annual general meeting

- (1) There must be an annual general meeting of the charity in January of each year, or as soon as possible thereafter.
- (2) All inhabitants of the area of benefit of 18 years and upward must be allowed to attend and vote at the meeting. The committee may allow inhabitants who are under 18 to attend (but not vote at) the meeting.
- (3) The first annual general meeting after the date of this scheme must be called by the existing trustees within 12 months of that date. Every other meeting must be called by the committee.

- (4) Public notice of the meeting must be given in this area of benefit at least 14 days before the meeting.
- (5) The chairman of the existing trustees will chair the first meeting. The chairman of the committee will chair subsequent meetings. The persons present must elect one of their number to chair the meeting if the chairman is not present.
- (6) At the meeting the committee must present the report and accounts for the last financial year. The existing trustees will present the report and accounts to the first meeting.
- (7) Every matter must be decided by majority decision of those present and voting. The chairman of the meeting may cast a second or casting vote only if there is a tied vote.

CHARITY PROPERTY

22. Transfer of property

The title to the land described in part 2 of the schedule to this scheme is transferred by this scheme to the custodian trustee in trust for the charity.

23. Use of income and capital

- (1) The committee must firstly apply:
 - (a) the charity's income; and
 - (b) if the committee think fit, expendable endowmentin meeting the proper costs of administering the charity and of managing its assets (including the repair and insurance of its buildings).
- (2) After payment of these costs, the committee must apply the remaining income in furthering the object of the charity.
- (3) The committee may also apply expendable endowment for the objects of the charity.

24. Sale of land

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this clause, the committee may sell the land identified in part 2 of the schedule. (The committee must comply with the restrictions on disposal imposed by section 36 of the Charities Act 1993, unless the disposal is excepted from these restrictions by section 36(9)(b) or (c) or section 36(10) of that Act).
- (2) The committee may only sell the land if:
 - (a) the committee decide that the land is no longer required for use as a village hall; and
 - (b) the decision to sell is confirmed by a resolution passed at a meeting of the inhabitants of the area of benefit of 18 years and upward. At least

14 days' notice of the meeting, setting out the terms of the resolution, must be given.

- (4) The committee must apply the proceeds of any such sale in furtherance of the object of the charity. If, by reason of the sale, it is no longer possible to carry out that object, the committee may apply the proceeds of sale for general charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit.

POWER OF AMENDMENT

25. Power of Amendment

- (1) The committee (subject to the provisions of this clause) may from time to time amend the trusts if they are satisfied that it is expedient in the interests of the charity to do so.
- (2) The committee must not make any amendment which would have the effect directly or indirectly of:
 - (a) altering or extending the purposes of the charity;
 - (b) authorising the committee to do anything which is expressly prohibited by the trusts of the charity;
 - (c) causing the charity to cease to be a charity at law;
 - (d) altering or extending the power of amendment that is conferred by this clause.
- (3) The committee must obtain the prior written approval of the Commissioners before making any amendment which would have the effect directly or indirectly of:
 - (a) enabling them to spend permanent endowment or capitalise income of the charity;
 - (b) conferring a benefit of any kind on all or any of the current members or their successors;
 - (c) restricting the existing right of any person (other than the members) to appoint or remove a member, or trustee for the charity, or to intervene in the administration of the charity, without the consent of that person;
 - (d) varying the name of the charity.
- (4) A decision to make an amendment must be approved at an annual general meeting of the charity at which:
 - (a) at least 14 clear days' public notice has been given in the area of benefit, the notice stating the business to be considered; and
 - (b) such amendments are approved by a two-thirds majority of the inhabitants of the area of benefit present and voting at the meeting.
- (5) The committee must:

- (a) prepare a written memorandum of each amendment, which must be signed at the meeting at which the amendment is made by the person chairing the meeting;
- (b) send to the Commissioners a certified copy of the memorandum within three months of the date of the meeting; and
- (c) retain the memorandum as part of the governing document.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

26. Questions relating to the Scheme

The Commissioners may decide any question put to them concerning:

- (1) the interpretation of this scheme; or
- (2) the propriety or validity of anything done or intended to be done under it.

SCHEDULE

PART 1

Existing trustees

Philip Douglas Hockley

Jane Bhagat

Ian Derek Ruggles

Edna Elizabeth Ruggles

Diane Warboys

Sarah Suckling

Claire Helen Hagger

John-David Yule

PART 2

Land

Land with the building known as Fen Drayton Village Hall, in Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton, Cambridgeshire, held for a term of 999 years from 1 February 1989, created by a lease dated 15 February 1989.

PART 3

Nominating Bodies

Fen Drayton Parish Council

Fen Drayton Parochial Church Council

Fen Drayton Friendship Club

Fen Drayton Bowls Club

Fen Drayton Pre-School

Fen Drayton Mothers and Toddlers

Friends of Fen Drayton School (PTA)