

Extracts from Conveyance and Trust Deed dated 23rd April 1948

**of a piece of land situate and having frontages to East Butts Road and Peakes Road,
Etching Hill, in the Urban District of Rugeley, in the County of Stafford**

(16) The Vendor has agreed to sell the property hereinafter described and intended to be hereby conveyed for an estate in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances to the Trustees at the price of seventy five pounds and also to include in the said sale all his leasehold estate and interest in the said property Except and Reserved as hereinafter mentioned.

The FIRST SCHEDULE before referred to. (p18)

1a. The Trustees shall forthwith apply to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for an Order vesting the trust premises hereby conveyed in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands and **upon such Order being made the Trustees shall cease to be the Trustees of the Trust premises and the Charity shall thereafter be administered and managed by the members for the time being of the Committee of Management hereinafter mentioned as the Trustees hereof.** _____

1. The property hereby conveyed (herein called 'the Trust premises') shall be held upon Trust for the purposes of physical and mental training and recreation and social, moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, libraries, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefit of the inhabitants of Etching Hill and neighbouring district included within the green verge line on the Ordnance Survey Map attached to this deed, such district being situate in the county of Stafford and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinion Subject to the provision of these presents. _____

2. (p19)

The general management and control of the Trust premises and the arrangements for their use shall be vested in a Committee of Management (hereinafter called 'the Committee' consisting of not more than twenty members (exclusive of members co-opted under the powers hereinafter contained) of whom thirteen shall be elected at the first general meeting referred to in clause 3 hereof in the first instance and on each subsequent appointment of members at the annual general meeting. The organisations mentioned in the second column of the second schedule hereto shall each have the right to appoint one member 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 appointed 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 the power to act. In addition to the members as appointed as above the Committee shall

have the power to co-opt not more than two members to represent interest in the said district referred to in clause 1 of this Schedule not represented by any organisation.

3. (p20)

There shall be an Annual General Meeting to be convened by the Committee in the month of March in each year the first of such meetings (hereinafter called 'the First General Meeting') to be convened in the month of March 1949 by one week's notice to be affixed to some conspicuous part of the trust premises or other conspicuous place or places in the district referred to in clause 1 of this Schedule of the inhabitants of the age of 18 years or upwards of either sex of the said district for the purposes of receiving the Report of Accounts of the Committee and for accepting the resignations of the members of the Committee and for the purposes of electing thirteen members under clause 2 hereof and for taking such action as it may decide under clause 7 hereof. Provided nevertheless that if in any year an annual general meeting shall not be convened and held in the month of March, the annual general meeting shall be held as soon as practicable after the month of March and such meeting shall be convened by such persons as shall be nominated for the purpose by the Charity Commissioners.

4. (p21)

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 within any time within one month before the Annual General Meeting at which the retiring member of the Committee shall retire.

5. (p21)

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

6. (p21)

In the event of any other organisation being formed in the said district referred to in clause 1 of this Schedule with aims of a social, recreational or educational character not inconsistent with those upon which the trust premises are held hereunder the Committee shall have the power by a resolution 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 such new organisation to appoint an additional member of the Committee in the same manner as if such new 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 provided for in clause 2 hereof may be increased but no such resolution shall be effective until the same has been approved by an Order of the Charity Commissioners.

7. (p22)

If any organisation entitled to appoint a member of the Committee ceases to exist or fails to make an appointment in the 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.

8. (p22)

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.

9. (p22)

The Committee may from time to time make and alter Rules and Regulations for the conduct of its business and for the summoning and conduct of its meetings and in particular with reference to:

(a) the terms and conditions upon which the trust premises may be used for entertainments, meetings, social gatherings, and other purposes and the sum (if any) to be paid for such use

(b) the appointment of an auditor, treasurer and such other 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 trust premises as it may consider necessary

(d) the number of members that shall form a quorum at its meetings provided that the number of members that shall form a quorum shall never be less than a third of the total number of members of the Committee

10. (p23)

All payments in respect of the use of the Trust premises and all donations for the benefit thereof shall be paid into a trust account at the National Provincial Bank Ltd at Rugeley, in the county of Stafford, or at such other bank as shall from time to time be substituted therefor by the Committee

11. (p 23)

The monies standing to the credit of the said Account shall be applied as the Committee may decide in repairing and insuring the Trust premises or the furniture and effects therein and in paying rent (if any), rates, taxes, salaries of paid officers and servants and other outgoings and in providing furniture, games, books, newspapers, periodicals and other literature and means of recreation and otherwise for the upkeep and improvement of the Trust premises

12. (p 24)

The Committee may upon a vote of the majority of its members and when necessary with the consent of the Charity Commissioners from time to time by mortgage or otherwise obtain such advances on the security of the Trust premises 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 out therein and may continue to repay in whole or in part and from time to time any existing mortgage or charge upon the said premises

13. (p24)

If the Committee by a majority decides at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or desirable to discontinue the use of the Trust premises in whole or in part for the purposes hereinbefore indicated it shall call a meeting of the inhabitants of the age of eighteen years or upwards of the district referred to in clause 1 of this Schedule of which meeting not less than fourteen days notice (stating that a resolution will be proposed thereat) shall be posted in a conspicuous place or places on the Trust premises and advertised in a newspaper circulating in the said district 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 Charity Commissioners let or sell the Trust premises or any part thereof. All monies arising from such letting or sale (after satisfaction of any liabilities properly payable thereout) shall with such consent as aforesaid be applied either in the purchase of other premises approved by the Committee and to be held upon the trusts for the purposes and subject to the provisions hereintoforeset forth (including this power) or as near thereto as circumstances will permit or towards such other charitable purposes or objects for the benefit of the inhabitants of the district referred to in clause 1 of this Schedule as may be approved by the Charity Commissioners and meanwhile such monies shall be invested in the name of the Trustees of charitable Funds and any income arising therefrom shall either be accumulated (for such time as may be allowed by law) by investing the same and the resulting income thereof in like manner as an addition to and to be applied as the capital of such investments or shall be used for any purpose for which the income of the Trust premises may properly be applied

14. (p26)

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

Joe Thatcher 15th April 2014

Second Schedule

Mr C Williss	Rugeley Urban District Council
Mr W J Rundle	The Parochial Church Council of Rugeley
Mrs H A Keenahan	The Committee of Etching Hill Womens Institute
Mrs E Baker	The Church Street Methodist Church Rugeley, Leaders and Society Meeting
Mr W F Keenahan	Parish Priest for the time being of St Joseph and St Etheldreda Roman Catholic Church Rugeley acting for the trustees of Roman Catholicism.
Mr C Hill	Brindley Heath Parish Council

I can find no Ordnance Survey Map attached but it could be at Pickering & Pickering.