

Minutes of a Meeting of Mid Sussex District Council Charity Trustees held on 27th September 2006 from 8.57 pm to 9.05 pm

Present: Councillors:

Mrs Deborah Adams	Terry Gillard	Christopher Maidment
Mrs Gill Balsdon*	Bernard Gillbard	Gordon Marples
Stephen Barnett	Mrs Jean Glynn	Gary Marsh
Andrew Barrett-Miles*	Richard Goddard	Peter Martin*
Richard Bates	Brian Hall*	Edward Matthews
Mrs Brenda Binge	David Heasman*	Mrs Heather Ross
Derek Booker	Paddy Henry	Ian Scotland
Mrs Julia Brown*	Christopher Hersey	Mrs Susan Seward
Julian Calvert	Mrs Margaret Hersey	Patrick Shanahan*
Clive Chapman	Paul Johnson	Mark Sharman*
Phillip Coote	Mrs Anne Jones	David Shevels*
Mrs Suzanne Cosgrave	Jim Joyce-Nelson	Mrs Diane Shevels
Patrick Cutler	Mrs Susanna Kemp	Christopher Snowling
Ian Dixon	Edward King	Brian Starmer
Mrs Kathleen Dumbovic	Graham Knight	Michael Sullivan*
Ian Ellis	Mike Livesey	Ms Lesley Wilkins
Mrs Christine Field*	Alan Lord	Mrs Lyn Williams*
Martin Forde*	Andrew MacNaughton	James Worsley*

* Absent

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Graham Knight proposed Councillor Edward King as Chairman of the Charity Trustees for 2006/07.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Edward King be elected Chairman of the Charity Trustees for 2006/07.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Edward King proposed Councillor Mrs Margaret Hersey as Vice- Chairman of the Charity Trustees for 2006/07.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Margaret Hersey be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Charity Trustees for 2006/07.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cutler disclosed a financial interest in Whitbreads and Mitchells and Butlers Retail.

5. COUNCIL CHARITABLE LAND - ANNUAL OPERATING REPORT

Council considered a report which set out details of all of the operational activities of the charities managed by the Council and a statement of each of the charity's financial affairs for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

Councillor Gillard raised the issue of depreciation of Beech Hurst Cottages. The Chief Accountant explained that a re-evaluation process had taken place. Councillor Gillard stated that he would take this issue up with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Service Support.

Councillor Kemp referred to the amount of time spent on the assignment of the lease relating to Beech Hurst Gardens and asked what protection had been built in. The Deputy Leader, Councillor Marples agreed to investigate the matter further.

Councillors Gillard and Mrs. Jones referred to the public toilets being closed and the kiosk not being open. The Deputy Leader agreed to pursue these issues through the relevant Heads of Service.

RESOLVED

1. That the report be noted and the Charities' Accounts for 2005/06 be approved.
2. The proposed assignment of Beech Hurst Gardens Charitable Trust be approved, subject to Whitbread plc paying the Charity Trustees' legal and other costs associated with granting Landlord's consent authorise the Council's Corporate Property Manager to grant Landlords consent for the proposed assignment of the lease dated 6th October 2003 from Whitbread Group plc to Mitchells and Butlers Retail (No. 2) Limited, subject to Mitchells and Butlers Leisure Holdings Limited acting as the proposed Assignee's guarantor.

Chairman.