CHARITY COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Charities called "Thomas Bishopp's Charity," "Joan Forde's Charity," otherwise "The Poors' Allotment," "William Packer's Charity," "Edmund Cox's Charity," and

"The Church Houses and Church Land," all in the Parish of Winslow, in the County of Buckingham.

The Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, having considered an application in writing made to them on the 30th day of April, 1863, in the matter of the above-mentioned Charities, by George Maydon, Daniel Grace, Henry Monk, John Grace, Charles Mayne, James King, William Neale, and Thomas Rayner Brown, being respectively inhabitants of the above mentioned Parish of Winslow, for the purposes of the following order, and it appearing to the said Board that the endowments of the said Charities consist of the houses, land, hereditaments, and premises, and the sum of Stock mentioned respectively in the first schedule herete, and that the gross annual income of no one of the said Charities amounts to 50l., and that there are not at present any legal Trustees of the said Charities, and that it is for the advantage of the said Charities that such Trustees should be appointed, and that a scheme for their administration should also be established in manner hereinafter mentioned, and upon public notice of the intention of the said Board to make the order hereinafter contained having been given by the affixing of the same, according to the direction of the said Board, to the principal outer door of the Parish Church of Winslew aforesaid, on the 9th day of June, 1863, being more than one calendar month previously to the date hereof, and no notice of any objection to the said proposed order, or suggestion for the variation thereof having been received by the said Board, do hereby order that the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the said Parish of Winslow and their respective successors in office for the time being, by virtue and during tenure of the said respective offices, Edward William Selby Lowndes, Esquire, William Neale, innholder, Henry Monk, farmer, and Thomas Price Willis, attorney, all of the said Parish of Winslow, (who have respectively intimated their willingness to accept and act in the Trust,) be appointed to be the Trustees for the administration and management of the said Charities.

And that the right to sue for, recover, and receive, and to give discharges for all rents, monies, and choses in action due to or recoverable for the benefit of the said Charities, or any of them, do vest in the said Trustees hereby appointed their executors and administrators, in trust for the Charities entitled thereto.

And that the houses, land, and hereditaments mentioned in the said first schedule, and all other real estate and hereditaments (if any) belonging to or held in trust for the said Charities, or any of them, not being of copyhold tenure, do vest in the official Trustee of Charity Lands and his successors. In trust for the Charity entitled thereto.

And that the scheme for the future management and regulation of the said Charities set forth in the Second Schedule hereto be approved and established.

The First Schedule above referred to.

Particulars of the endowments of the several above mentioned Charities.

Thomas Bishopp's Charity.

An allotment of 1 a. 1 r. 35 p. of land, situated in New Mill Field, in the Parish of Winslow.

Joan Forde's Charity, otherwise The Poors' Altotment.

An allotment of 7 a. 3 r. 24 p. of land, adjoining the last mentioned allotment.

The two last mentioned pieces of land are subdivided into small allotments, which are occupied by poor inhabitants of Winslow, Rent Free.

William Packer's Charity.

The sum of 1001., 31 per cent. annuities, standing in the names of William Selby Lowndes, Esquire, Lancelot Wyatt, gentleman, and Joseph Turner, surgeon, all of Winslow, Bucks, all deceased.

The sum of 2761. 5s. ld. New 3l. per cent. annuities, standing in the name of the said Micial Trustees of Charitable Funds. In trust for the said Charity.

The Church Houses and Church Land.

Two houses, in Market Square, Winslow, and two allotments of 0 a. 1 r. 3 p., and 0 a. 1 r. 23 p. of land, respectively in Old Mill Field, in the same Parish, subject to a lease for the term of two hundred years from 29th September, 1700, at the yearly rent of 2l.

The Second Schedule above referred to.

Scheme for the regulation and management of the above mentioned Charities.

- 1.—The Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish of Winslow for the time being, and four other respectable persons, resident in the same Parish, or within the distance of seven miles from the Church thereof, shall be the Trustees of the Charities. The number of non-official Trustees may, with the sanction of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, be increased to Six, if such increase shall be considered necessary or desirable.
- 2.—Any Trustee of the Charity (not being a Trustee by virtue of his office,) who shall become Bankrupt or incapacitated to act, or who shall cease to be resident in the said Parish, or within the distance of seven miles from the Church thereof, or who shall not attend any meeting of the Trustees during a consecutive period of two years, shall, in any of such cases, immediately cease to be a Trustee, and thereupon, or upon the death or resignation of any such Trustee, a new Trustee qualified as aforesaid, shall be appointed by the other Trustees at their first meeting, which shall be held after the lapse of one calendar month next after the occurrence of such vacancy, by a resolution to be forthwith notified by them, with all proper information, to the said Commissioners, at their office in London, but no such appointment shall be valid until the same shall have been approved by the said Commissioners, and their approval certified under their official seal.
- 3.—The Trustees shall hold meetings in some convenient place within the Parish, as often as may be found necessary for the management of the Charity, and at least twice in each year, on the first Friday in January and the first Friday in July. The Incumbent, if present, or, in his absence, the senior Trustee present, according to the date or order of his appointment, shall be the Chairman at every meeting. Three Trustees shall form a quorum at any meeting. Any two Trustees may summon a special meeting, giving seven days previous notice in writing to the other Trustees, and signifying in such notice the object of such meeting. All matters and questions shall be determined by the majority of the Trustees present at any meeting, and in case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a double or casting vote.
- 4.—A Minute Book, and proper Books of Account, shall be provided by the Trustees, and kept in some convenient and secure place of deposit, to be provided or appointed by them for that purpose, and minutes of the entry into office, or the appointment of every new Trustee, and of all proceedings of the Trustees, shall be entered in such minute book, and signed by the Chairman at the termination of the proceedings at each meeting.
- 5.—Full accounts shall be kept of the receipts and expenditure of the Trustees in respect of the Charities, in the books to be provided for that purpose, and such accounts shall be examined and passed annually at the January meeting, and signed by the Trustees then present.
- 6.—The Trustees shall be at liberty, if they think fit, to appoint and employ a person as Clerk and Treasurer, or in either of those offices, at an annual salary not exceeding 11., to be paid out of the Income of the Charities, and such person shall keep the accounts of the Charities, and shall receive the rents and income, and make the several payments thereout, under the immediate control and superintendence of the Trustees, who shall be responsible for the due application by him of all such monies, or he shall discharge all such of the said duties as shall be required of him by the Trustees.
- 7.—All the estates and property of the Charities shall be let and otherwise managed by the Trustees, who shall receive all the rents, and annual and other income; and in every case public notice of the intention to let any land, or other property, shall be given by the Trustees in the said Parish of Winslow, and also in any different parish or parishes in which such land or property shall be situate, in such manner as they shall consider most effectual for giving full publicity to such intention, at least three weeks previously, provided that no lease be granted in reversion, or for more than seven years certain, or for less than the improved annual value at rack rent without the sanction of the Charity Commissioners, or a competent court.
- 8.—Any money arising from the sale of timber, or from any mines or minerals, on the Charity Estates, shall be treated as capital, and invested in the Government funds in the name of the official Trustees of Charitable funds in trust for the Charity entitled thereto, except in any special cases, in which the Trustees may be authorised by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales to apply such money, or any part thereof, as income.

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As to Thomas Bishopp's Charity. Joan Forde's otherwise The Poors' Allotment. William Packer's Charity, and Edmund Cox's Charity.

9.—The clear amount of the annual rents, profits, and income of these Charities, after the payment thereout of all necessary and proper outgoings and expenses of management, shall be applied by the Trustees, subject to such rules and conditions as shall from time to time be prescribed by them, towards the support of a clothing, coal, or penny club, or penny bank, or sick club, or benefit society (the rules of which sick club or benefit society shall have been approved by the Government officer appointed for that purpose), or of some one or more of such institutions for the benefit of industrious poor persons residing within the said Parish, or in providing coals, fuel, food, and clothing, or other necessaries, to be sold at reduced prices, or distributed gratuitously, to or amongst poor persons residing in the said Parish.

As to the Charity called the Church Houses and Church Land.

10.—The clear amount of the annual rents, profits, and income of this Charity, after the payment thereout of all necessary and proper outgoings and expenses of management, shall be applied by the Trustees, primarily in or towards the maintenance and repair of the fabric of the Parish Church of Winslow, inclusive of the Tower and Steeple, but exclusive of the Chancel, and subject thereto, in or towards defraying the other expenses usually covered by a Church Rate, and if in any year the whole of such income be not exhausted in providing for the objects aforesaid, the residue shall be accumulated and invested by the Trustees, so as to form a fund for the extraordinary reparation or improvement of the said Church.

As to the Whole of the said Charities.

11.—If any doubt or question shall arise amongst the Trustees, or any of them, as to the construction or proper application of any of the provisions of the Scheme, or the management of the Charities, application shall be made by them to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, for their opinion and advice, which, when given, shall be conclusive.

Sealed, by order of the Board, this Eleventh day of August, 1863.

HEN. M. VANE,

SECRETARY.