

COPY OF CHARTER. St. MARY'S PLATT VILLAGE HALL. WAR MEMORIAL.

The erection of this Hall as a Memorial in honour of those belonging to St Mary's Platt, who fought and fell in the War of 1914 - 1918, was unanimously decided upon at a Public Meeting held on April 29th 1920, at the Church Room, Platt, after consideration of various alternative proposals.

The Hall was erected in the year 1922 by public subscription on a site given by Messrs Jude Hanbury & Co. Ltd. Of Wateringbury, and vested in three Trustees on the conditions set out in a deed dated 1921.

It was opened, and the Memorial Tablet on its North front was unveiled on November 18th 1922 by Brigadier General C.Wingfield-Stratford C.B., C.M.G. the Dedication Service being conducted by the Right Reverend J.R.Harmer D.D. Lord Bishop of Rochester.

At a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of St Mary's Platt held in the Memorial Hall on Nov. 22nd 1922, it was resolved as follows:-

1. That the Hall is intended to be used for all reasonable and desirable purposes, including its use as a Reading and recreation room, and for Clubs, Institutes, Guilds, religious, political and other meetings, lectures, classes, musical, cinematographic and other entertainments, dramatic performances, shows, bazaars or other sales of work, wedding or other receptions, social gatherings, and such like.

2. That until the overdraft referred to below is fully cleared off, the finances of the Hall shall be controlled by a Finance Committee of the three Trustees, viz:

Mr George Bennett.

Mr Louis Curtis.

Mr William Bance.

together with the following members who have undertaken to join in guaranteeing an overdraft up to £400-0-0 at the National Provincial and Union bank of England, Maidstone Branch, viz:

Mr A.E.Collings.

Mr P.Heron Maxwell.

Mr Percy Minter.

Mr T.G.Pascall.

Mr W.Hall.

Mrs Francis Heron Maxwell.

3. That a Managing Committee to carry the foregoing intentions into effect shall be elected annually by the adult inhabitants of the Parish of St Mary's Platt, and of the detached portion of the Parish of Leybourne adjoining Platt Parish

4. That so long as the Finance Committee (referred to in Clause 2.) continues to exist, its members shall be ex officio members of the Managing Committee.

5. The Managing Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees, either out of their own members or otherwise, and to delegate to such sub-committees any matters the Main Committee may see fit; also subject to clause 8 below, to appoint and pay such Officers as they may deem necessary.

6. That the Managing Committee shall have power to grant, or refuse, any application for the use of the Hall, at their discretion, and to fix such conditions as they may consider necessary.

7. That, subject to clause 8. below, the Managing Committee shall have power to fix the amount to be charged to all applicants for the use of the Hall or any part of its precincts, and shall, through their Officers, collect all such charges, and pay all necessary outgoings, keeping full account of income and expenditure, and reporting the financial position annually to the Electors at a Public Meeting or otherwise.

8. That before putting into execution any schedule of rates for letting the Hall, or any other decision affecting income or expenditure, or any proposal to borrow money for purposes connected with the equipment, upkeep or utilisation of the Hall, the Managing Committee shall submit such schedule, decision, or proposal to the Finance Committee so long as the latter Committee continues to exist, and obtain their approval of same.

9. That none of the foregoing Regulations shall be altered except by a majority vote at a Public Meeting of the Electors called either by the Managing Committee or by any 25 qualified Electors as referred to in Regulation (3) above, of which Meeting due notice shall have been posted on the Notice Board at the Memorial Hall not less than 14 days before the date of such Meeting.

Percy Minter

Chairman of the Public Meeting,
held on 22nd November 1922.