

7. At present the bodies represented are the Playgroup, Day-Centre, Evergreens, Cricket Club, Tennis Club, ~~Bowls Club~~, Women's Institute, ~~Mother's Union~~ and Church, ~~Football Club~~, Parish Council and Music Society. If a new organisation is formed in the Parish with aims of a social, recreational or educational character and not inconsistent with the general objects of the Charity, the Committee has power to allow that new organisation to appoint an additional member of the Committee. At least two thirds of all members of the Committee ~~4~~ must vote in favour of a resolution for this purpose.

8. All Committee members retire at each Annual General Meeting. Part of the business of the AGM is to elect 8 village representatives in place of those who have retired. All organisations which are entitled to appoint members to the Committee must appoint new members within one month before the AGM at which their retiring members retire.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held in May each year for the purpose of receiving the report and accounts and for the purposes described in the previous paragraph.

9. When a vacancy in one of the positions of appointed members occurs between AGMs the appointing organisation is required to fill the vacancy. If a position of village representative falls vacant between AGMs the Committee may appoint a person to fill the vacancy. In either case the person appointed to fill the vacancy holds office until the next AGM.

10. The Committee has wide powers of management including powers to:

- (1) prescribe conditions for the use of the Hall, including charges to be made;
- (2) appoint unpaid officers and fix their terms of office;
- (3) engage and dismiss employees;
- (4) appoint sub-committees which may include persons other than members of the Committee;
- (5) make rules for the transaction of the business of sub-committees; and
- (6) delegate any of its functions to sub-committees.

The Committee approved some time ago the creation of an Executive Committee to which day to day management responsibilities are delegated. That Committee currently comprises the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

A quorum for meetings of the Committee is one third of its total membership.

BEDWYN MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD & VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No. 30 55 20

This note is prepared for the guidance of members of the Committee of Management for the Charity.

1. The name of the Charity is as set out in the heading of this note. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commissioners and subject to control by them under charities legislation.
2. The Charity was established in the first place by a deed of 21 June, 1949 under which the 2 acre plot on which the village hall now stands was sold by one Major Frank Rob Wray to three people, two of whom had Great Bedwyn addresses, who are designated Trustees by the deed.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the deed the land was vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands (now the Official Custodian for Charities). This is a normal procedure for land belonging to a charity. The charity remains the beneficial owner of the land but the legal title is held by the Official Custodian. This avoids the need to execute new conveyances of the land every time there is a change in the composition of the body of trustees.
4. The three people named as trustees in the 1949 deed already owned the playing field, a 3 acre site, which they had acquired in 1945. By a deed described as a Declaration of Trust of 16 January, 1950 they declared that the playing field should be held on trust to be used as a recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of Great Bedwyn and should be administered and managed by the Committee set up by the 1949 deed to manage the village hall. The playing field was also vested in the Official Custodian.
5. The 1949 deed contained the rules which govern the management of the Charity and those rules extend to the playing field as well as the village hall. Under the rules the land is held on trust "for the purpose of playing fields and of physical and mental training and recreation and social, moral and intellectual developments through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Great Bedwyn...and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions".
6. The administration and management of the charity are in the hands of the Committee of Management, which is the trustee of the charity. Originally the maximum number of members of the Management Committee was 17, representing either particular organisations or the village. As a result of changes over the years in the numbers of organisations represented on the Committee there are now 20 members, 11 representing various bodies and 9 village members.