

DATED

18th December

1917

TRUST DEED

establishing The Bexhill Trust

Town Clerk,
Bexhill.

TO ALL OF WHOM these presents shall come Joseph Barker Wall Mayor of the Borough of Bexhill in the County of Sussex George Herbert Gray Deputy Mayor of the said Borough Frank Bond Master of Arts John Greed Builder Thomas Bodle Retired Farmer James Rogers Builder and Contractor and Frederick William Vane ISO Retired Civil Servant all of Bexhill-on-Sea and hereinafter called "the Founders" send greeting whereas with a view to instituting and establishing a Charitable Trust hereinafter called "the Bexhill Trust" for the benefit of the Borough of Bexhill and the inhabitants thereof and otherwise as hereinafter mentioned the Founders have raised certain moneys which are now represented by Seventy five pounds Five per cent War Stock and a sum of Two hundred and fifty four Pounds (£254) Cash standing to the account of the Founders at The London County and Westminster Bank Bexhill and whereas it is intended that the said sum of stock shall be held and the said sum of cash shall be forthwith invested in manner hereinafter mentioned and held for the Charitable purposes hereinafter mentioned and that appeals shall be made to the public from time to time for subscriptions donations contributions and gifts of money and property of any kind for the general purposes of the Bexhill Trust NOW these Presents witness as follows:-

TRUSTEES

1. The Bexhill Trust and all property which now or hereafter may be subject thereto shall be administered and managed by a body of Trustees which shall when complete consist of two ex-officio Trustees and certain other Trustees not exceeding seven in number (hereinafter called "the ordinary Trustees")
2. The ex-officio Trustees shall be the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the time being of Bexhill

3. The ordinary Trustees shall upon the execution of these presents be the seven Founders who shall be entitled subject to the provisions hereinafter contained with respect to determination of Trusteeship to hold office for five years from the date of these presents
4. Any future Trustee shall be a person residing in or near or carrying on business in or near Bexhill and shall be appointed by a resolution of the Town Council of Bexhill passed at a Meeting convened and held in accordance with the ordinary practice of the Town Council and shall hold office for a term of Five years from the date of his or her appointment subject to the provisions hereinafter contained with respect to determination of Trusteeship The Trustees so appointed need not be members of the appointing body
5. No person shall be entitled to act as a Trustee whether on a first or any subsequent entry into office until after signing in the Minute Book of the Trustees a declaration of acceptance and willingness to act in the Trust hereby declared
6. Any ordinary Trustee who ceased to be qualified as mentioned in Clause 4 hereof or who is absent from all Meetings of the Trustees during a period of One year and any Trustee who is adjudicated a Bankrupt or who is incapacitated from acting or who communicates in writing to the Trustees a wish to resign shall thereupon cease to be a Trustee
7. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy the Trustees shall at their next Meeting cause a note to be entered in their Minute Book and shall cause Notice thereof to be given as soon as possible to the appointing body Any competent Trustee may be reappointed

Meetings and Proceedings of Trustees

8. The Trustees shall hold ordinary Meetings at least four times in each year. A special Meeting may at any time be summoned by any two Trustees upon four days notice being given to all the other Trustees of the matters to be discussed.
9. There shall be a quorum when three Trustees are present at any Meeting.
10. At every Meeting the Trustees shall appoint a Chairman. Every matter shall be determined by the majority of the Trustees present and voting on the question. The Chairman shall have a Casting Vote whether he has or has not previously voted on the same question but no Trustee shall in any other circumstances give more than one vote.
11. A Minute Book and Books of Accounts shall be provided and kept by the Trustees. All proper accounts in relation to the Bexhill Trust shall in each year be made out and certified in such manner as the Charity Commissioners may require and copies thereof shall be transmitted to the said Commissioners and published in conformity with the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts.
12. Within the limits prescribed by these presents the Trustees shall have full power from time to time to make regulations for the management of the Bexhill Trust and for the conduct of their business including the summoning of Meetings, deposit of money at a proper Bank and the custody of the documents.

Management

13. All the property of the Bexhill Trust shall be let and otherwise managed by the Trustees according to their discretion subject as to Leases as mentioned in Clause 17 hereof and subject generally to the law applicable to the management of property by Trustees of Charitable Foundations.

14. The said sum of War Stock and all other investments for the time being belonging to the Bexhill Trust shall be invested and stand in the names of any three or more of the Trustees and so that the income only of such investments and of all other property for the time being belonging to the Bexhill Trust shall be applicable for the general purposes thereof
15. The Trustees shall keep in repair and insure against fire all the buildings from time to time belonging to the Bexhill Trust not required to be kept in repair and insured by the Lessees of Tenants thereof
16. Any part of the Capital of the Bexhill Trust in the hands of the Trustees requiring investment or of the income which may not for the time being be immediately required for any of the purposes of the Bexhill Trust may at the discretion of the Trustees be invested in or on any investments for the time being authorised as investments for trust money or on real or leasehold securities or ground rents in England and Wales or in the purchase and paying the cost of the purchase of any messuages lands perpetual rent charges and other hereditaments in or arising in England or Wales being either freehold customary freehold or copyhold of inheritance or leasehold for any term of years whereof not less than sixty years as unexpired at the time of the purchase or in making improvements on the hereditaments so purchased and so that every assurance of land to the Trustees for the benefit of the Bexhill Trust shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act 1888 and so that the Trustees shall have the fullest power at their discretion to vary any such investments for others of a like nature and to permit any hereditaments with or without

buildings for the time being subject to the Trusts hereof to be occupied or used permanently or temporarily for the purposes of the Bexhill Trust whether free or at a rent and on such terms generally as the Trustees shall think fit

17. The Trustees may at their discretion and subject to the provisions of Section 29 of the Charitable Trusts Amendment Act 1855 sell mortgage charge or lease the lands for the time being subject to the Bexhill Trust or any part of them and in the case of any sale mortgage or charge thereof invest the moneys arising therefrom or raised thereby in manner mentioned in Clause 16 hereof and so that on the grant of any Lease the Trustees shall provide that the Lessee shall execute a Counterpart thereof and every Lease shall contain covenants on the part of the Lessee for the payment of rent and all other usual and proper covenants applicable to the property comprised therein and a proviso for re-entry on non-payment of rent or non-performance of the covenants

18. The Trustees may if they think fit and without being liable to account for the exercise of such discretion retain any investments (provided they do not involve any liability for calls) or other property real or personal which may from time to time be devised given or bequeathed to the Bexhill Trust though not being investments or property authorised to be acquired or held by these presents and the Trustees shall not be liable for any loss which may occur by reason of any such retainer or acceptance

Further Endowments

19. The Trustees may receive any additional donations or endowment for the general purposes of the Bexhill Trust They may also receive donations or endowments for any special

objects connected with the Bexhill Trust and not inconsistent with or calculated to impede the due working of the provisions herein contained

Application of Income

20. The costs of repairs and insurance and all other charges and outgoings payable in respect of the property of the Bexhill Trust and all the proper costs and charges and expenses of and incidental to the administration and management of the Bexhill Trust shall be paid by the Trustees out of income
21. Subject to the payments aforesaid the annual income of the investments and other property belonging for the time being to the Bexhill Trust including any donations and subscriptions capable of being applied as income shall be applied in any one or more of the following ways according to the absolute discretion of the Trustees and in such a way as they consider most advantageous to the recipients that is to say:-
- (a) for the relief of poverty in the said Borough
 - (b) for the advancement of education in the said Borough
 - (c) for any other charitable objects of general public utility

Provided always that the funds or income of the Bexhill Trust shall in no case be applied directly or indirectly in aid of any rates for the relief of the poor or other purposes in the said Borough and provided always that any income which shall not be so applied as hereinbefore mentioned in Sub-Clauses (a) (b) or (c) in any one year shall or may at the discretion of the Trustees be treated as capital and invested in manner hereinbefore mentioned

General Provisions

22. The appropriation of the benefits of the Bexhill Trust shall be made by the Trustees from time to time at Meetings of their body and not separately by any individual Trustee or Trustees
23. No Trustee shall take or hold any interest in any property belonging to the Bexhill Trust otherwise than as a Trustee for the purpose thereof and no Trustee shall receive any remuneration or be interested in the supply of work or goods at the cost of the Bexhill Trust
24. The Town Clerk for the time being of the Borough of Bexhill shall if he consents so to act be the Honorary Secretary of the Bexhill Trust

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals this Eighteenth day of December One thousand nine hundred and seventeen

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED)
by the above named JOSEPH)
BARKER WALL, GEORGE HERBERT)
GRAY, FRANK BOND, JOHN GREED,)
THOMAS BODLE, JAMES ROGERS)
and WILLIAM VANE in the)
presence of:-)