

RCT for May meeting 2025

The Bucklow School Charity of Richard Comberbach and his Wife.

Trustees' Annual report to Lower Peover Parish Council 2025

Since my report of last year, the trustees have met routinely twice and had two extraordinary meetings.

The Trust owns School House and part of Lower Peover Primary school and part of the adjacent land.

The principal objectives of the Trust are to support the school in diverse ways. This may include some financial support.

The charity is constituted by deed of Trust and is a registered charity, Charity number: 525858

The Trustees are:

Chair: Sybil Crossman: co-optive trustee

Treasurer: Norman Withenshaw: co-optive trustee

Trustee representative for Plumley, Toft & Bexton PC: Andrew Shaw

Trustee representative for Allostock PC: Julia Wison

Trustee representative for Nether Peover (LP): **Vacancy**

Trustee representative for Peover Inferior (LP) and Trustee/Governor: Alun McIntyre

Ex officio: Fr Murray Aldridge Collins

The correspondent is not a trustee.

Mrs Stephanie Taylor Wattam had represented Nether Peover since 2020 but resigned last month. She had served the Trust well during her five-year term and the Trustees have thanked her for her commitment. There is from this month a vacancy for this role. Please see additional information separately from this report.

October 1st 2024 Ordinary meeting:

Chair and Trustee/Governor were re-elected.

The school had received an excellent Ofsted report and was congratulated.

The Annual Report to the Charity Commission had been completed. For details contact the treasurer.

It was agreed to again fund books for school pupils. This was bibles for each Reception class pupil to have in school and for Year 3 pupils to take home. The bibles being age appropriate and chosen by school and the vicar.

The trustees were informed that the DfE had approved the formation of a new Academy Trust known as the Chester Diocesan Learning Trust and that discussions

would be taking place about the inclusion of Lower Peover Primary school. The trustees would be taking part in the forthcoming meetings and discussions.

#### March 11th 2025 Ordinary meeting

The new tenants of School House had entered their second year of tenancy, and both parties are satisfied with the agreements.

Correspondence concerning Old School Yard continued regarding its maintenance. The Land Registry had been consulted.

Lower Peover School academisation is expected to go ahead. Governors, Trustees and Head Teacher to be consulted. Meetings to be arranged with a representative from the Director of Education for the Chester Diocese.

The school is to have internal building work and this is to take place in the summer holidays.

The trustees will once again fund books as leavers' gifts for year six pupils.

To mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII, and to commemorate VE day, the trustees agreed to fund the gift for each pupil of a booklet of the Gospel of John especially published for the occasion and including personal stories of some involved in the war effort. These will be distributed in school by Cllr Anthony Harrison, an Armed Forces Member Champion and Councillor for Chelford Ward of East Cheshire Council.

Date set for next ordinary meeting is September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025.

#### April 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 Extra-ordinary meeting

The trustees met to discuss the implication of the school academisation.

#### April 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 Extraordinary meeting

The trustees met with Ms Sue Noakes, deputy director of Education for the Chester Diocese for further information and guidance.

Sally Geake, correspondent to the Richard Comberbach Trust. April 2025

Cc Plumley with Toft & Bexton PC

Allostock PC.