

**This Indenture** made the nineteenth day of July One thousand nine hundred and nineteen **Between** John Page Sowerby of Stokesley in the County of York Barrister at Law (here and after called the Donor) of the one part and the Parish Council of Stokesley aforesaid (here in after called the Parish Council) of the other part **Whereas** the Donor being seised in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances of the hereditaments hereinafter assured is desirous of conveying the same to the Parish Council upon trust to permit the same to be used for the benefit and advantage of the inhabitants of the township of Stokesley and in order to perpetuate the memory of those belonging to the Parish of Stokesley who fell in the Great War 1914 – 1919. **Now** this Indenture **witnessed** that for effectuating the said desire the Donor and Settlor hereby conveys unto the Parish Council **All** that stone built building and premises belonging thereto known by the name of “The Town Hall” situate in Stokesley aforesaid being the Eastern portion of a block of buildings situate in the Market Place Stokesley aforesaid Bounded on or towards the North East and the South by the Town Street or Market Place and on or towards the West by property belonging to the Trustees of Thomas Fidler deceased **To hold** the same unto and to the use of the Parish Council their successors and assigns for ever But nevertheless upon the trusts and with under and subject to the powers and provisions following that is to say:-

**The** Parish Council shall hold the said premises for such purposes in such manner and under such rules and regulations as they in their discretion shall from time to time consider to be for the benefit and advantage of the Township and inhabitants of Stokesley aforesaid including the formation and carrying on of an Institute or place of recreation and social intercourse for the benefit or advantage of the inhabitants of the Township of Stokesley either gratuitously or in consideration of any money payment or on such terms as the Parish Council may think fit.

**The** management and control of the property and affairs of the said premises shall be vested in the Parish Council with full power and authority at their discretion at any time to appoint or make provision for the appointment of any persons (including all or any of the Parish Council) as Committee men or otherwise for the purpose of administration of the trust aforesaid in such manner and subject to such rules and regulations as the Parish Council may prescribe.

**For** the purpose of providing additional funds for maintaining the property and of defraying any expenses incidental to the purposes hereof (including the provision of furniture pictures books periodicals games musical instruments and the like) the Parish Council may require such subscriptions (if any) from all or any persons using the premises as they shall from time to time think necessary and proper and may let the said premises for entertainments lectures and like purposes not being inconsistent with the objects and purposes of these presents.

**In witness** whereof the Donor has hereunto set his hand and seal and Thomas George Eeles the Chairman presiding at the Meeting of the said Parish Council and Robert Armstrong and Walter Lanes two other members of the said Parish Council have at the said meeting for and behalf of the said Parish Council set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
By the said John Page Sowerby  
In the presence of  
*?? Carrick*  
*Solicitor*  
*Stokesley*

*J P Sowerby*  
*Thos G Eeles*  
*Chairman of the Parish Council*  
*Robert Armstrong*  
*Walter Lane*

*C E Bennison*  
*Clerk to W Lowther Carrick*

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
By the said Thomas George  
Eeles, Robert Armstrong  
and Walter Lane in the  
presence of  
*Charles Farrow*  
*Stokesley*  
*Draper*