

## **THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

### **BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT BELFRY REPAIR FUND**

BIIGLESWADE DISTRICT BELFRY REPAIR FUND RULES adopted in a District Meeting held on the 12 day of April 1980. Amended at the Annual District Meeting held on the 13 day of January 2018.

- 1 The Fund shall be known as the 'Biggleswade District Belfry Repair Fund'.
- 2 The object of the Fund shall be the promotion of Christianity through the provision of financial assistance to churches in the Association's Biggleswade District for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations. Such maintenance and improvement shall be deemed to include the following:-
  - a) removing an existing ring of bells, supplying and fitting a new frame and fitting, re-casting and re-hanging bells;
  - b) removing, overhauling and re-clappering existing bells, supplying and fitting a new frame and fittings and re-hanging bells;
  - c) removing existing bells, overhauling existing frame and fittings, re-casting or quarter tuning, re-clappering and re-hanging bells;
  - d) augmenting and bringing existing bells, frame and fittings into a proper state of repair;
  - e) other repairs to towers, ringing room or balcony, bell chamber, frames, fittings and bells;
  - f) providing and fitting frames, bells and fittings in towers which previously had none;
  - g) granting short-term loans to P C C's within the Biggleswade District to assist in achieving any of the above objectives.
- 3 The Fund shall be administered by the Biggleswade District Committee comprising the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the Fund, and such number of Committee members as may be elected by the Annual District Meeting from time to time. The Committee shall consider applications for financial assistance and any grant or loan recommended shall be subject to ratification by simple majority of Biggleswade District members present and qualified to vote at the next business meeting of the District.
- 4 Bank Accounts shall be maintained in the name of the Fund and the Chairman and Secretary of the District and the Treasurer of the Fund shall be the Trustees and cheque signatories. Cheques drawn on the Fund's accounts shall be signed by any two of the signatories. The Trustees shall invest or otherwise deal with such sums as may accrue to the Fund from time to time in such a way as the District Committee may direct, subject to ratification by simple majority of Biggleswade District members present and qualified to vote at the next business meeting of the District.
- 5 In the event of the Fund's dissolution its accrued assets shall be transferred to the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers Bell Restoration Fund for the purposes of bell maintenance and restoration.
- 6 The Treasurer and the Auditor of the Fund shall be appointed yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Biggleswade District.

- 7 The Treasurer of the Fund shall prepare a balance sheet and an income and expenditure account as at the 31 December each year which shall be audited by the appointed Auditor and presented to the Annual Biggleswade District Meeting first held after the 31 December of the year to which the accounts relate.
  
- 8 Notice of any proposed amendment to these Rules shall be given in writing to the District Secretary at least 4 weeks prior to the date of the Annual Biggleswade District Meeting and shall become effective on receiving a two-thirds majority of Biggleswade District Members present and qualified to vote at the Annual District Meeting. No amendment can be made to the objects, the dissolution provisions, the amendment provisions, also any alteration or deletion which affects the legal charitable status of the Fund.