

John F. Kennedy Memorial Act 1964

1964 CHAPTER 85

An Act to vest in the United States of America a site at Runnymede forming part of the Crown Estate to be preserved in perpetuity in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy for the use and enjoyment of the public under the control and management of the Trustees of the Kennedy Memorial Fund.

[31st July 1964]

WHEREAS it has been arranged between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States of America, with Her Majesty's approval, that a site at Runnymede forming part of the Crown Estate (being the land described in the Schedule to this Act and delineated upon plans deposited with the Public Record Office and presented to Parliament by the Prime Minister by Command of Her Majesty) be transferred to and vested in the United States of America by way of gift from Her Majesty, to be preserved in perpetuity for the use and enjoyment of the public in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy under the control and management of the Trustees hereinafter mentioned:

AND WHEREAS by virtue of a Trust Deed dated the 4th day of July 1964 and made between The Right Honourable Alderman Clement James Harman, Lord Mayor of London, of the one part, and the Trustees therein named of the other part, copies of which have been presented to Parliament as aforesaid, the money and property comprised in the Kennedy Memorial Fund therein mentioned (representing money subscribed by the public for the purpose) are to be held by those Trustees, and other Trustees to be appointed under the said Deed and their successors, upon the following Trusts, that is to say—

(*a*) to secure and lay out as a place for the benefit of the public and to which the public will have access the said site at Runnymede, and protect, preserve and maintain that site as a place to which the public have access;

(*b*) to establish scholarships for students of either sex from all regions of the United Kingdom at all or any of the following places of education in the State of Massachusetts, namely Harvard University, Radcliffe College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision by Act of Parliament for the transfer and vesting of the said site at Runnymede as aforesaid, and for giving effect to the trusts of the said Deed so far as they relate thereto:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Transfer of site to United States of America.

1. The land described in the Schedule to this Act is hereby transferred to and vested in the United States of America for an estate in fee simple absolute, to be held in perpetuity under the control and management of the Trustees of the Kennedy Memorial Fund for the use and enjoyment of the public in accordance with the said Trust Deed.

Functions of trustees.

2.—(1) In relation to the said land, the Trustees of the Kennedy Memorial Fund shall have all such rights and powers, and shall be subject to all such obligations, as if they were owners of the estate hereby vested in the United States of America, and may exercise those rights and powers in any manner consistent with the purposes of section 1 of this Act and of the said Trust Deed so far as it relates to the land.

(2) The power of the Trustees to control and manage the said land shall include power to determine the times at which and the conditions subject to which the public may have access thereto.

Short title and commencement.

3.—(1) This Act may be cited as the John F. Kennedy Memorial Act 1964.

(2) This Act shall come into force on such date as the Treasury may by order appoint, being a date not earlier than the termination of any tenancy which subsists in the said land at the passing of this Act.

SCHEDULE

THE SITE AT RUNNYMEDE

All that piece or parcel of land comprising three acres or thereabouts in the Parish of Egham in the County of Surrey being part of the pasture land comprised in Enclosures numbered 15 and 16 respectively on the Ordnance Survey Map of the said Parish Sheets No. Surrey IV 8, 4 & 7 (Edition of 1914) and part of the footpath shown as Enclosure No. 24[a] on the said Map which said land on the north-east side adjoins open meadow the property of the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest and Natural Beauty and on the south-east side adjoins a plantation the property of the said National Trust and on the remaining sides adjoins property forming part of the Crown Estate and known as Priest Hill Englefield Green.