CHAPTER lix.

An Act to confer further powers on the trustees and guardians of Shakespeare's Birthplace to amend the Shakespeare Birthplace &c. Trust Act 1891 and for other purposes. A.D. 1930.

[15th April 1930.]

WHEREAS by the Shakespeare Birthplace &c. Trust Act 1891 (in this Act called "the Act of 1891") trustees and guardians of Shakespeare's Birthplace (in this Act referred to as "the Trustees") were incorporated and certain lands and other property in Stratford-upon-Avon including the property known as Shakespeare's Birthplace (in this Act referred to as "the trust estate") were vested in the Trustees and provision was made for the maintenance in connection therewith of a library and museum and other powers were conferred on the Trustees:

And whereas the Trustees have purchased the properties described in the schedule to this Act for the purposes of providing accommodation for their staff and for preserving the amenities of the trust estate and it is expedient that such purchase should be sanctioned and confirmed:

And whereas it is expedient that further powers should be conferred upon the Trustees and that the Act of 1891 should be amended as in this Act provided:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

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May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King'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 (that is to say) :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Shakespeare Birthplace &c. Trust (Amendment) Act 1930 and this Act and the Shakespeare Birthplace &c. Trust Act 1891 may be cited together as the Shakespeare Birthplace &c. Trust Acts 1891 and 1930.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act the expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Act of 1891 have the same respective meanings unless the context otherwise requires And in this Act—

"the borough" means the borough of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Confirmation of purchase of lands &c. by Trustees.

3. The Trustees may hold use and appropriate for the purposes of the trust estate the lands and premises described in the schedule to this Act which have already been acquired by them and the expenditure of money by the Trustees in or about the purchase or acquisition thereof or any additions or improvements thereto is hereby sanctioned and confirmed.

Additional powers to Trustees.

4. In addition to the powers conferred on the Trustees by the Act of 1891 the Trustees may—

(*a*) Maintain Nash's House (in the Act of 1891 referred to as "New Place" and now known as "New Place Museum") as a local museum for objects of Shakespearean association or interest or objects illustrating the history of the borough and neighbourhood;

(*b*) Contribute to the preservation and maintenance of property of interest from its associations with William Shakespeare or his family or with his period;

(*c*) Accept on loan and maintain any property entrusted to their care;

(*d*) Purchase or lease land for the protection of and in proximity to or for the better management

of the existing property of the trust and sell or lease any land not required for the purposes of the trust;

(*e*) Pay pensions or superannuation allowances to the persons employed by the Trustees and assist pension and superannuation schemes for such persons;

(*f*) Sell or exchange or lend duplicate articles and other articles not required for the proper working of the trust;

(*g*) Print publish and sell facsimiles or other copies of documents pictures or books of Shakespearean interest;

(*h*) Print publish and sell catalogues descriptions and commentaries of the trust collections and prints photographs or pictures of any properties or objects in their possession;

(*i*) Pay fees to accepted Shakespearean scholars to lecture in the borough on subjects of Shakespearean interest and print publish and sell such lectures;

(*j*) Assist (financially or otherwise) any institution festival occasion or scheme designed to honour William Shakespeare or for the dramatic presentation of his plays or for the general advancement of Shakespearean knowledge;

(*k*) Pay the reasonable travelling expenses of any trustee in connection with attending meetings of the Trustees.

Additional trustees.

5. The Universities of Oxford Cambridge London and Birmingham may each appoint one trustee to act in the execution of the trust who shall be called "representative trustees" and such trustees shall be entitled to serve for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Further provisions as to ex officio and life trustees.

6.—(1) From and after the passing of this Act—

(*a*) The number of aldermen of the borough to act as ex officio trustees shall not exceed seven and if at any time the number of aldermen of the borough shall exceed seven in number the corporation shall nominate the seven aldermen to act as ex officio trustees;

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(*b*) The number of justices of the peace of the borough (other than the mayor and his predecessor in office) to act as ex officio trustees shall not exceed eleven and if at any time the number of justices of the peace of the borough shall exceed eleven in number the members who have been on the commission of the peace for the longest period and who have sat as justices during the preceding year at least three times shall be the justices of the peace to act as ex officio trustees.

(2) An ex officio trustee who is both an alderman and a justice of the peace of the borough shall be entitled to act either as an alderman ex officio trustee or a justice of the peace ex officio trustee but shall not act in both capacities.

(3) A life trustee who is also an alderman or a justice of the peace of the borough shall not act in either such ex officio capacity.

Provisions in case of trustees not attending meetings.

7. In the event of any life or representative trustee failing to attend the meetings of the Trustees for a period of two years without providing an explanation satisfactory to the Trustees the Trustees shall in the case of a life trustee appoint a new trustee and in the case of a representative trustee shall give notice thereof to the university by whom the representative trustee was appointed and request that a new trustee be appointed.

Further powers as to investment of trust funds.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act of 1891 the Trustees may invest the trust moneys in any manner authorised by law and in securities of the corporation.

Provisions as to meetings of Trustees.

9.—(1) Meetings of the Trustees shall be held twice at least in the course of every year and except in cases where it may be otherwise determined by some regulation of the Trustees the decision of the majority of the Trustees present at any meeting duly convened in accordance with such regulation and at which there shall be present the quorum (if any) prescribed by such regulations upon any question which may have been duly submitted to the decision of the meeting shall be binding upon the Trustees until rescinded.

(2) The yearly general meeting shall be held in the borough.

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Trustees may appoint committees.

10. The Trustees may from time to time appoint a committee or committees of their own body of not less than five members and may give and delegate to such committee or committees all and every such powers instructions and authorities not inconsistent with the special provisions of the Act of 1891 and this Act in relation to the purposes thereof as the Trustees may think proper and such committee or committees may at any time be dissolved by the Trustees Provided that the proceedings of such committee or committees shall from time to time be submitted to the Trustees in general meeting for confirmation or rejection thereof.

Amendment of Act of 1891.

11. Section 2 of the Act of 1891 shall be read and construed as if the words "'the committee' means the committee from time to time appointed by the Trustees under the provisions of this Act" had been omitted therefrom.

Repeal.

12. Section 12 (Provision as to meetings of Trustees) and section 13 (Trustees may appoint a committee) of the Act of 1891 are hereby repealed.

Costs of Act.

13. All costs charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Trustees out of the trust moneys.

The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

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1. A piece of land together with the building (formerly two cottages known as the Hornby Cottages) situate thereon in Henley Street in the borough adjoining Shakespeare's Birthplace Garden on the south-east side comprising two hundred and twenty square yards or thereabouts.

2. The messuage garden and hereditaments known as No. 19 Henley Street in the borough adjoining Shakespeare's Birthplace Garden on the north-west side comprising six hundred and twenty-five square yards or thereabouts.

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3. A piece or parcel of land or garden ground together with the messuage or tenement erected thereon situate in Emms Court Sheep Street in the borough comprising three hundred and eight square yards or thereabouts.

4. A piece of garden ground lying between Sheep Street and the New Place Gardens in the borough comprising one hundred and twenty-five square yards or thereabouts and bounded on the west and south by the piece of land lastly described.

5. The messuage (formerly two cottages) with the gardens and appurtenances thereto situate immediately adjoining Anne Hathaway's Cottage at Shottery in the borough comprising one thousand two hundred and ten square yards or thereabouts and being the enclosure numbered 277 and part of the enclosure numbered 272 on the $\frac{1}{2500}$ Ordnance map (Warwick) sheet XLIV. 5 (edition 1914).

6. A piece of land adjoining the said last-mentioned cottages on the north side and forming part of a field known as "Taylors Close" in the borough comprising four thousand and sixty square yards or thereabouts and numbered 272 on the $\frac{1}{2500}$ Ordnance map (Warwick) sheet XLIV. 5 (edition 1914).

7. A piece or parcel of land at Shottery in the borough fronting on the public road near and immediately opposite to Anne Hathaway's Cottage comprising one thousand four hundred square yards or thereabouts and being part of the enclosure numbered 280 on the $\frac{1}{2500}$ Ordnance map (Warwick) sheet XLIV. 5 (edition 1914).

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