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Norman M. Benton Esq.

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Chinnor Parish Council

DEED OF GIFT

of

land at Chinnor in the
County of Oxford.

Lightfoot & Lowndes
Thame.

Portrait of



WILLIAM ELIJAH BENTON

1855 - 1940

THIS DEED OF GIFT is made the twentieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and forty seven BETWEEN NORMAN MOLYNEUX BENTON of "Icknield Hatch" Chinnor in the County of Oxford Company Director (hereinafter called the Donor) of the one part and THE PARISH COUNCIL OF CHINNOR aforesaid (hereinafter called the Council) of the other part -

WHEREAS the Donor is seized of the property hereinafter described in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances -

AND WHEREAS the Donor is desirous of making a free gift of the said property to the Council in order that it may be laid out equipped maintained and either managed or let by the Council for the purpose of cricket football or other games or recreations -

AND WHEREAS at a duly constituted meeting of the Council held on the Fifth day of July One thousand nine hundred and forty six it was duly resolved to accept the said property for the purposes aforesaid under the power conferred on the Council by the Local Government Act 1933 Section 268 -

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH as follows : -

1. In pursuance of the said desire the Donor hereby conveys unto the Council ALL THOSE pieces or parcels of land situate at Chinnor in the County of Oxford being part of Ordnance Numbers 168 and Ordnance Numbers 168a and 169 and containing together 10.096 acres or thereabouts All which property is for the purpose of identification more particularly delineated on the plan drawn hereon and thereon coloured pink TO HOLD the same unto the Council in fee simple free from any resulting or other trust in favour of the Donor for the purposes and objects hereinbefore described -
 2. The Council hereby for itself and its assigns covenants with the Donor that the Council or its assigns will for ever hereafter support maintain and improve the property hereby conveyed as and for the purpose and objects hereinbefore described and will use its best efforts at all times to encourage the active use of the said land for healthy recreation and will erect no buildings thereon except for the use of recreation and sport and will forthwith completely fence in the whole thereof in a substantial and appropriate manner to the satisfaction of the Donor and having regard to the purposes for which the same is hereinbefore conveyed and will for ever after maintain such fencing in good order and condition at the expense of the Council -
 3. The Donor for himself only and not for his successors in title hereby covenants with the Council that if within twenty one years after the date hereof he constructs a road on the South side of field Number 168 where indicated on the said plan he will permit the Council to erect an entrance gate into the land hereby conveyed at some convenient point along such road and will grant to the Council a right of way on foot over such road from the said entrance gate -
 4. The Donor hereby acknowledges the right of the Council to production of the deeds specified in the Schedule hereto and to delivery of copies thereof -
- IN WITNESS whereof the Donor and Ronald Howard Siarey and Dorothy Nellie Louise Leverkus two members of the Council on behalf of the Council have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written -

THE SCHEDULE above referred to

14th July 1938 CONVEYANCE. William Robert Eggleton 1. William Elijah Benton 2.

10th August 1946 ASSENT under the hands of Walter Molyneux Benton and Norman Molyneux Benton

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by the)
above named Norman Molyneux Benton) N. M. Benton
in the presence of :-

D.E. Witney
Church End, Bledlow, Bucks. R.H. Siarey
Stenographer.

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by the)
above named Ronald Howard Siarey) Dorothy N.L. Leverkus
in the presence of :-

Maxwell Seymour
Grovelands, Chinnor, Oxford.
Company Secretary.

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED by the)
above named Dorothy Nellie Louise)
Leverkus in the presence of :-

Maxwell Seymour
Grovelands, Chinnor, Oxford.
Company Secretary.

