



*At the Court at Buckingham Palace*

THE 25th DAY OF JULY 2007

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

The following Report of a Committee of the Privy Council dated 19th July 2007 was today considered:

“YOUR MAJESTY was pleased, by Your Order of 15th May 2007, to refer to this Committee a Petition of the Principal and Fellows of St Hilda's College in the University of Oxford praying for the grant of a Supplemental Charter.

“THE COMMITTEE have accordingly considered the Petition and have agreed to report it as their opinion that a Charter may be granted in the terms of the annexed Draft.”

HER MAJESTY, having taken the Report and the Draft Supplemental Charter accompanying it into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve them. It is accordingly ordered that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain should cause a Warrant to be prepared for Her Majesty's Royal Signature for passing under the Great Seal a Supplemental Charter in conformity with the annexed Draft.

*Judith Simpson*

# ELIZABETH THE SECOND

by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS Our Royal Predecessor King George the Fifth on the thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six did grant a Charter of Incorporation (hereinafter referred to as "the Original Charter") constituting the persons therein mentioned as a Body Corporate and Politic by the name and style of "The Principal and Council of St. Hilda's College, Oxford" (hereinafter referred to as "the College"):

AND WHEREAS on the twenty-ninth day of August One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five We were pleased to grant a Supplemental Charter altering the name of the College to "The Principal and Fellows of St. Hilda's College, Oxford" and making certain other amendments to the Original Charter:

AND WHEREAS on the twentieth day of February One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one We were pleased to grant a further Supplemental Charter altering the name of the College to "The Principal and Fellows of St. Hilda's College, in the University of Oxford" and making certain other amendments:

AND WHEREAS the College has by an humble Petition represented unto Us and has prayed that We would be graciously pleased to grant it a further Supplemental Charter:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We being desirous of promoting the welfare

knowledge and mere motion granted and ordained and do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant and ordain as follows:

1. In this Our Supplemental Charter unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) The "College" shall mean St. Hilda's College in the University of Oxford.
- (b) The "Governing Body" shall mean the Principal and Fellows appointed from time to time in accordance with the Statutes and who may be referred to collectively as "Members of the Governing Body" or individually as "Member of the Governing Body".
- (c) The "Principal" shall mean the Principal from time to time of the College.
- (d) The "Statutes" shall mean the Statutes from time to time of the College.
- (e) The "By-Laws" shall mean the by-laws from time to time of the College.
- (f) The "Original Charter" shall mean the charter and statutes of the College dated 13 March 1926.
- (g) The "1955 Supplemental Charter" shall mean the supplemental charter dated 29 August 1955.
- (h) The "1961 Supplemental Charter" shall mean the supplemental charter



- (i) "Land" includes messuages, tenements, hereditaments, houses and buildings of any tenure.
  - (j) Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice versa, words importing the feminine gender shall include the masculine gender and vice versa, and words importing persons shall include corporations.
2. The Original Charter (except insofar as it incorporates the College and confers upon it perpetual succession, and a Common Seal, with power to break, alter and make anew the said Seal, power to sue and be sued in the name of the College, and power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate) and the 1955 Supplemental Charter and the 1961 Supplemental Charter shall be and are hereby revoked but nothing in this revocation shall affect the legality or validity of any act, deed or thing lawfully done or executed under the provisions of the Original Charter or the 1955 Supplemental Charter or the 1961 Supplemental Charter, nor revoke the Statutes made or amended pursuant thereto.
  3. The College shall henceforth be known by the name "St. Hilda's College in the University of Oxford".
  4. The objects of the College shall be:
    - (i) To provide education and residential accommodation for women and men who are members of the College and of the University of Oxford.
    - (ii) To maintain, continue and develop the College ethos and tradition of providing encouragement and support in academic research and education undertaken by women and men.
    - (iii) To do all other such things as are incidental or conducive to these objects.
  5. In furtherance of its objects the College shall have power:-
    - (i) To retain all the land, stocks, funds, securities and other assets of every description now belonging to the College or held in trust for the same and to undertake, execute and perform any trusts or conditions affecting any of such assets and to defray and provide for any debts and liabilities to the discharge of which the said assets or any of them shall be applicable.
    - (ii) To purchase, take on lease or hire or otherwise acquire and hold any land and any other real or personal property and to construct, provide,

maintain, repair and alter any buildings, works, stores, plant and things which may from time to time be deemed requisite in any part of Our United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and the Republic of Ireland or elsewhere in the world for any of the purposes of the College.

- (iii) To establish, carry on and provide all such residential and other accommodation, facilities, necessities and conveniences for the students, Principal, Fellows, College Officers and other staff of the College and any affiliated institution as the Governing Body may consider appropriate from time to time.
- (iv) To receive and accept donations, endowments and gifts of money, land, stocks, funds, shares, securities and any other assets whatsoever and either subject or not subject to any special trusts or conditions and in particular to accept and take by way of gift and absorb upon any terms the undertaking and assets of any society or body whether incorporated or not having objects similar to those of the College and to undertake all or any of the liabilities of any such other society or body.
- (v) To borrow or raise money with or without security for any of the purposes of the College: Provided that no money shall be raised by mortgage of any real or leasehold property of the College situate in Our United Kingdom without such consent or approval (if any) as may be by law required therefor.
- (vi) To make and carry out any arrangement for joint working or co-operation with any other college, society or body whether incorporated or not carrying on work similar to any work for the time being carried on by the College.
- (vii) To undertake, execute and perform any trusts or conditions affecting any real or personal property of any description acquired by the College.
- (viii) To pay or apply any moneys or assets of the College for any charitable purpose which in the opinion of the College may tend to promote all or any of the objects of the College and either to do so directly or to pay or transfer any such moneys or assets to some other person to be applied in manner aforesaid.
- (ix) To accumulate, sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of or deal with or turn to account all or any property



or rights of the College: Provided that no disposition of any real or leasehold property situate in Our United Kingdom shall be made without such consent or approval (if any) as may be by law required therefor.

- (x) To invest moneys of the College awaiting investment in the manner authorised by the Statutes and in like manner to delegate the powers of investment of the Governing Body to professional investment managers.
- (xi) To make and continue contracts of employment and to grant, continue and pay such salaries, pensions, gratuities or other sums in recognition of services (whether rendered before or after the granting of this Our Supplemental Charter) as the Governing Body may from time to time consider proper.
- (xii) To apply any part of the capital or income of the College for the purposes of the College including the provision of Exhibitions, Scholarships, Bursaries and prizes in connection with the College or for such other purposes as may be considered by the Governing Body to be appropriate.
- (xiii) To convert capital into income and to use the same for the general purposes of the College: Provided that no capital which is permanent endowment shall be converted into income without such consent or approval or compliance (if any) as may be by law required therefor.
- (xiv) To insure at the expense of the College and arrange insurance cover against all such risks as the Governing Body shall from time to time consider appropriate including indemnity insurance to cover the liability of the Governing Body or any individual Member of the Governing Body: Provided that no individual shall benefit from such insurance in respect of any act or omission which he or she knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by him or her individually or by the Governing Body in reckless disregard of whether or not it was in breach of trust or breach of duty.
- (xv) To apply for and exercise any powers obtained under any Supplemental Charter or any Act of Our United Kingdom Parliament or of the Legislature of any part of the Commonwealth or elsewhere in the world.
- (xvi) To do all such other lawful acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the purposes of the College or the exercise of any of its said powers.

6. The income and property of the College, derived from any and every source, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the College as set forth in this Our Supplemental Charter, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus, or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the Members of the College: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the College or to any Member thereof in return for services actually rendered to the College or the payment of interest on money lent by any Member of the College or the payment to any member of the Governing Body of reasonable travelling and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the affairs of the College.

7. The management of the College shall be vested in a Governing Body to be constituted in accordance with the Statutes. All the powers of the College shall be vested in and exercisable by the Governing Body.

8. The Establishment of the College shall comprise:

- (i) the Principal;
- (ii) the Fellows;
- (iii) the College Officers who shall be the Vice-Principal, Tutors, Bursar and such others as the Governing Body may from time to time determine;

or as the Governing Body shall from time to time determine.

9. The Fellowships of the College shall comprise:

- (i) the Official and Professorial Fellows;
- (ii) the Beale Fellows;
- (iii) the Research Fellows;
- (iv) the Supernumerary Fellows;
- (v) the Emeritus Fellows;
- (vi) the Honorary Fellows;

or as the Governing Body shall from time to time determine and the Governing Body shall determine the terms and conditions of employment and dismissal of any persons employed pursuant to this Article of this Our Supplemental Charter or the Statutes.



10. The Governing Body shall from time to time appoint the Principal, the Bursar and other persons employed by the College: Provided that the Governing Body shall have power to delegate to the Principal or the Bursar as may be appropriate power to appoint all non-academic employees other than the Principal or the Bursar.
11. Those persons who immediately before the grant of this Our Supplemental Charter held office as Principal or Bursar, or held a fellowship in the College, or who held some other position as an employee of the College shall, subject to the terms of any contract between the College and any such person, continue to hold office after the date of this Our Supplemental Charter until the Governing Body shall otherwise determine.
12. It shall be a fundamental condition of the College constitution that no religious, political, or racial test or condition shall be imposed upon any person in order to entitle her or him to be admitted a member, fellow, employee or student of the College or to hold office therein, or to hold any advantage or privilege thereof.
13. There shall be a Visitor of the College who shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the Statutes for the time being of the College, and shall have the powers which are conferred upon her or him by the said Statutes.
14. There shall be an Association of Senior Members of the College, which shall be constituted in the manner prescribed by the Statutes for the time being of the College, and shall hold such meetings and have such powers as are ordained in the said Statutes.
15. Meetings of the Governing Body, whether Ordinary, Special or Stated shall be duly convened and held as provided by the Statutes.
16. The accounts to be submitted to the Governing Body of the College shall be audited by a member of a body of accountants recognised under Section 289 of the Companies Act 1985 or any amendment or re-enactment thereof.
17. The affairs of the College shall be managed and regulated in accordance with the Statutes of the College.
18. Any of the Statutes may from time to time be amended, added to or revoked by a Resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Governing Body present and voting at a Special or Stated Governing Body meeting duly convened for that purpose and any new Statutes may from time to time be made in the like manner: Provided that no new Statute and no such amendment, addition or revocation as aforesaid shall have any force or effect:
  - (i) if it be repugnant to any of the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter or to the laws of the Realm or to the provisions of such Statutes of the University of Oxford as may from time to time be made to govern the relation of the Colleges to the University; and
  - (ii) until it shall have been approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.
19. Any of the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter may be amended, added to or revoked: Provided that such changes have been:
  - (i) approved by a Resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body present and voting at a duly convened meeting of the Governing Body;
  - (ii) confirmed by a resolution of the Council of the University of Oxford; and
  - (iii) allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council;and this Our Supplemental Charter as so amended, added to or revoked shall thenceforth continue and operate as if it had been originally granted or made accordingly but not so as to affect the legality or validity of any act, deed or thing lawfully done prior thereto.
20. The Governing Body may by a Resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the Members of the Governing Body present and voting at a Special or Stated Governing Body meeting duly convened for the purpose surrender this Our Supplemental Charter subject to the sanction of Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council and upon such terms as We or They consider fit and

wind up or otherwise deal with the affairs of the College in such manner as the Governing Body shall think expedient having due regard to the liabilities of the College for the time being.

21. If on the winding up or the dissolution of the College there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed among the Members of the Governing Body or any of them but shall, subject to any special trusts affecting the same, be given and transferred to some other charitable association or associations having objects similar to the objects of the College to be determined by the Governing Body at or before the time of dissolution.

22. Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Supplemental Charter, notwithstanding any non-recital, mis-recital, uncertainty or imperfection therein, shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably to the College and to the promotion of the objects of this Our Supplemental Charter.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the                      day of  
in the                      year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL