



**Malvern Hills Trust**

## **Special Meeting of the Board**

**Tuesday 30 July 2024**

**Welland Parish Hall,  
Marlbank Road,  
Malvern, WR13 6NE**





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### *Agenda*

#### Introduction

1. Apologies for absence (John Michael, John Raine)
2. Vice-Chair's Announcements
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Public Comments

#### Items for Decision

5. Election of the Chair of the Board for the remainder of 2023-2024    Paper A
6. Urgent Business

#### **7. Dates of Next Meetings**

8 August 2024 – Special Meeting to discuss consultation results  
12 September 2024



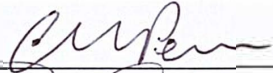
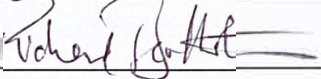


Mid-Term Election – 30 July 2024

NOMINATION FORM: CHAIR OF THE BOARD

To be completed by nominator and seconder

We the undersigned wish to nominate JOHN MICHAEL as Chair of the Board of Malvern Hills Trust for the remainder of the year 2023-2024.

|              | SIGNATURE                                                                         | PRINT NAME         |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| NOMINATED BY |  | CHARLES PENN       |
| SECONDED BY  |  | RICHARD PALFREEMAN |

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

I agree to be nominated for the role of Chair of the Board of Malvern Hills Trust. I have read the role description. I understand the responsibilities of the role and have attached a statement in support of my nomination.

|         | SIGNATURE                                                                           | PRINT NAME   |
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| NOMINEE |  | JOHN MICHAEL |

Please return this completed form to the Secretary to the Board no later than 12 noon on Thursday 25 July 2024.

Statement in support of nomination to the role of Chair of the Board of  
Malvern Hills Trust

Name: JOHN MICHAEL

Please see attached Statement  


I am a nominated trustee of Malvern Hills District Council and have served on the Trust since 2015 latterly as Chair of the Land Management Committee and Vice-Chair of Governance.

Prior to serving on the Trust I was Chair of Kempsey Parish Council and did several years as Chair of the Commons and Hams Committee. Kempsey Parish Council owns five areas of Common Land and an area of Lammas Land which provided me with an insight into land management and dealing with Government agencies in obtaining available grants to aid management of the commons.

My career background was with HMRC previously HM Customs & Excise where I latterly spend 20 years in Criminal Investigations as an Intelligence Officer. I retired in 2014 and was elected to the District Council in 2015 and am serving my third term as District Councillor for Kempsey Ward. I had the privilege to serve as Chair of the Council in 2022/23.

The Trust is having to contend with a media campaign waged by certain groups concerned about the Private Bill to consolidate the Acts under which The Trust operates. There has been much misinformation or misunderstanding at what we are trying to achieve in making the Trust's guiding legislation fit for the 21st Century. However we are at a stage where the process of submitting the bill is well under way and the task I see that the Chair can provide is in seeking to encourage those groups that have serious concerns to fully engage with The Trust in order to mitigate their misgivings over certain aspects of the proposed bill and to ensure they are fully appraised of all details of the draft bill. I want us to get away from the them and us attitude demonstrated by the accusations and misinformation that has been flooding social media. I am optimistic that with goodwill and

openness we can secure an outcome that satisfies the majority of those currently opposed to the bill.

I am particularly pleased that the issues surrounding Trustee/ Staff relations that led to losing some valuable members of staff we now have a settled team to take the Trust forward and that we have policies in place to deal with their concerns and to support them properly and that there now exists a format for trustees to contact staff that minimises interruption of their duties.

Finally I would expect Trustees to act with respect to the views of other trustees, members of staff and concerned members of the public and conduct our business civilly as laid down in our Code of Conduct.

John Michael