



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER YAXHAM PARISH CHARITY BUSINESS,
HELD IN THE DAVID MYHILL ROOM, YAXHAM VILLAGE HALL
At 7.00pm on Thursday 25th April 2019**

Present: Cllrs Lowings (Chairman), Martin (Vice-Chairman), Goldsmith, Harvey and Bennett.

In attendance: Mrs V Turner (Clerk) and 12 members of the public.

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed his fellow Councillors, the Clerk, and members of the Public.

2.0 Apologies None. It was NOTED that Cllr Dimoglou was not present.

3.0 Declarations of Interest None made.

4.0 Public Session No comments from members of the public in attendance.

5.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

5.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2019 were unanimously **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

5.2 Matters arising from the previous meeting – Cllr Martin reported that a supplementary application had been made to Breckland District Council by the YVAA, following on from the Charity grant of £22,280.20, in respect of refurbishment of the Village Hall. The application to Breckland was for some £13.5k, representing 30% of the total, was currently being processed. Cllr Dimoglou was opposing this. Cllr Martin confirmed that final ratification had been delayed because of purdah, but a final decision could be expected at the forthcoming Cabinet Meeting scheduled to be held in May. Cllr Martin also confirmed that a letter from the YVAA, accepting the terms of the grant, had now been received.

6.0 Finance

Councillors considered the Report for Year End 31.03.19 and proposed acceptance in draft form, to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May 2019 and submitted for internal audit, as the income had exceeded the Charity Commission's next threshold of £10,000. This was unanimously **AGREED**.

7.0 To consider any current submitted grant applications None received.

8.0 Correspondence

8.1 To consider correspondence from the Charity Commission - Cllr Martin, as RFO, summarised the contents of the communication, explaining that contact had been made with all Charities failing to spend 30% of their income, and thus ceasing to comply with their Charitable Purposes. He had responded to the letter, clarifying to the Commission that whilst there had been a low level of activity, this had changed over the last 18 months. He confirmed that future spend on projects, such as that with the YVAA, would rise and be in line with the charitable objectives of the Charitable Deed. He also confirmed that a positive reply had been received in response to this letter, and reminded the Council of the continual need to identify eligible projects to maintain Charity compliance. The Council NOTED this correspondence and unanimously **AGREED** the RFO's response.

9.0 To note any other items for inclusion on the Agenda for the next meeting

Auditors Report of the Year End Accounts of the Yaxham Parish Charity.

10.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th June 2019 at 7.00pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.17pm.