



## **YAXHAM PARISH CHARITY**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TO CONSIDER YAXHAM PARISH CHARITY BUSINESS**

held in Myhill Room at Yaxham Village Hall at 7.15pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

**Present:** Maggie Oechsle (MO) Chairman, Bob Gust (BG), Peter Lowings (PL), Richard Whadcoat (RW), Chris Couves (CC) and Ben Conway (BC)

In attendance: the Clerk and 7 members of the public

#### **1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and informed them that the meeting was being audio recorded.

#### **2. Apologies**

None

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

BG declared an interest in item 7.

#### **4. Public Session (for Charity matters only)**

BG informed the meeting that a local resident needs a mobility scooter and asked if he could apply to the Parish Charity or was there anywhere else locally, he could apply to for a grant or a contribution?

The Chair suggested he could apply to the Townlands Charity although this would not cover the full cost of a mobility scooter. An application form would need to be filled in and the next meeting for the Townlands Charity is in April. He would not be able to apply to the Parish Charity as this is for the general benefit of the village not the individual.

Item 7 was now discussed.

#### **5. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved. All agreed.

RW queried the next meeting date on the minutes being the 27<sup>th</sup> April and was concerned someone might come on that date. The Clerk confirmed the agenda date had been changed and the new date was on the website. The Chair amended the minutes before signing them.

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CC arrived at the meeting

**Matters arising from the previous meeting not considered elsewhere on the agenda.**  
The Chair reiterated the dates had been changed on the minutes and on the website.

## 6. Finance

- a. To note any payments (\*- already paid)

From	Detail	£ Total
	None	

- b. To note any receipts

From	Detail	£ Total
CCLA	Dividends paid period ended 28/2/23	2,734.28

- c. The Financial monitoring Officer's report

RW reported everything was in order.

- d. Bank position

Circulated prior to the meeting.

- e. Charity auditor

The Clerk has asked other Parish Council Clerks if they have a charity auditor they could recommend.

## 7. To consider any submitted grant applications

Trudy Gust on behalf of the YVAA presented the grant application from the YVAA for £12,000 to enable alterations to take place in the Community Room in the Village Hall and this was then put to the Trustees to consider.

PL asked if a Parish resident questioned that the YVAA has already had grants for various projects how would we answer them? The Chair said when the social club was closed £12,000 was paid into the charity and explained the proposed removal of the central wall would create a much larger space which would be of general benefit to the whole community, in line with the Parish Charity purpose, and increase its use.

Trustees felt this was a worthwhile project which they could support. However, it was pointed out that although the Charity would expect medium and larger projects to have additional funding from other sources, the YVAA had reserves in its COIF account which would contribute towards the structural survey and to new flooring when the building work was completed.

RW posed the question of whether the YVAA was a Charity and therefore could be VAT exempt for the building costs. Trudy Gust confirmed the YVAA was a Charity and would investigate getting a certificate of exemption. If the VAT is not payable the trustees considered a grant of £10,000 to be appropriate.

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After consideration the trustees felt that there was considerable benefit to the community as a whole and to the viability of the village hall with additional letting possibilities, and as such the trustees voted in favour of the proposal having considered Paragraph 14 but also Paragraph 18 of the Policy relating to the use of funds for Charitable Purposes where the Trustees may grant all or part of the sum requested.

BC proposed, CC seconded and all agreed.

**8. Items to be included in the next meeting agenda.**

Charity auditor.

**9. Date and Venue of next meeting**

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 in the Myhill Room.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

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