



YAXHAM PARISH CHARITY

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

Held in David Myhill Room at Yaxham Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Present: Cllrs Maggie Oechsle (MO) (Chair), Ben Conway (BC), Graham Howe (GH), Paul Bone (PB), Bob Gust (BG) and Gary Davison (GD)

In attendance: Clerk, and 5 members of the public

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone and informed them the meeting was being recorded.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chris Couves.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Public Session (for Charity matters only)

None.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd October 2024 were **approved** without amendment and signed by the Chair. **All agreed**
- There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not considered elsewhere on the agenda.

6. Responses received regarding the newsletter article informing residents about grants available from the Charity

There had been no responses.

7. Update on December's Christmas Tree Lighting event

The Chair informed the meeting that the event had gone very well and thanked all that had helped especially the Cheetham family, Peter Lowings and the Garner family.

The Chair reported £100 had been donated towards the event from Kelly Thomas.

It was felt the event was such a success that another event for this year would be planned.

It was noted a collection had been started on the day and BG to check with the YVAA as to how much was collected. It was felt this money should go towards more Christmas Tree decorations

for the following year. Any future donations at upcoming events would be made to a nominated charity.

8. Finance

- a. The following payments were **approved** and noted

To	Detail	£ Total
Chris Couves	Thank you gifts to helpers	52.10
Carlie Goldsmith	Chocolate & Sweets	10.10
Toftwood Garden Centre	Christmas Tree	425.00
Trudy Gust	Mulled Wine & Fruit Punch	48.90
Rebecca Wade	Mince Pies & Sausage Rolls	29.50
Chris Couves	Christmas Tree Decorations & Energizer	170.77
Unity Bank	Service charge	17.40

- b. The following receipts since the last meeting were noted

From	Detail	£ Total
CCLA	Dividend paid in the period	2,798.01
Ms Thomas	Donation from resident for the Christmas Tree Light Switch on	100.00

- c. Bank position

The current bank balance of £46,790 was noted.

- d. CAN (Community Action Norfolk) Membership renewal

It was **agreed** to continue with the current silver membership subscription.

9. Current submitted grant applications

Yaxham Parish Council – Flagpole and Flags

GD had investigated the rules and regulations of flying a flag and informed the Trustees you can fly the Union and County flag at any time.

After a discussion it was felt a 6-metre coated aluminium flagpole with an internal halyard would be desirable along with 3 flags (Norfolk Flag, a Union Flag and a VE Day (Lest we forget) Flag). The total cost of a flagpole, flags and installation would require a grant of £450.00 which was **agreed**.

3Most flag poles are 6 meters. The Chair reported that planning permission may be required if above 4.6 metres. GD would contact Breckland Planning and clarify whether planning permission would be necessary. He would also prepare a risk assessment.

The Chair enquired as to whether the Trustee's felt notices were required informing residents of the wildflower footpaths, saying "No mowing – Bee friendly" or "Wildlife verges". It was felt two signs would be a good idea. PB proposed a budget of £100.00 seconded by GH and **all agreed**. BG agreed to investigate this and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

10. Items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

None.

11. Date of the next meeting

28th May 2025

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.28pm