

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHARITY IN THE  
ANCIENT PARISH OF SMISBY ("The Charity")  
held at 7pm on 5 December 2023 at Cedar Lawns, Forties Lane, Smisby**

- 1. Present** Mr. S. J. Barnett, Mr. R.J. Hounslow, Ms. C.E. Hynam and Mr. P. Cooper  
Apologies received from Ms. C.E. Hynam  
Attending: Mrs S. Heap (Clerk)
- 2. Chairman** It was proposed by Mr. P. Cooper and seconded by Mr. R. Hounslow that Mr. S. Barnett be Chairman of the meeting.
- 3. Minutes** Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk was instructed to forward a signed copy to the Accountants.
- 4. Matters Arising**
  - a. "Redacted"**
  - b. Tree Survey**  
It was agreed again that this matter be left in abeyance.
  - c. Jubilee Field Maintenance**  
Mr. Hounslow reported that the Parish Council contractors were to do 16 minimum cuts of the Jubilee Field per year but in fact had only done 14 and the Parish Council would be seeking a 12% rebate on next year's quotes. It had also been suggested that as the pétanque area is not used that a canopy be put in its place. This was agreed by the Trustees and was a good idea for a project.
  - d. CIO Constitution**  
The solicitors are still in the process of completing the CIO review and it was hoped this would be completed before the next meeting.  
**ACTION:** Ms. Hynam to enquire how long before the CIO is likely to happen.
  - e. Lockington cum Hemington Parish Council re Proposed Local Green Space**  
As Ms. Hynam was dealing with this item the Trustees awaited further progress from Fisher German.
  - f. "Redacted"**
  - g. Clarification of Student Funding**  
This matter awaiting the review from Ms. Hynam before updating on the website.
  - h. "Redacted"**
  - i. Christmas Hampers 2023**  
The hampers had been compiled and distributed by Victoria Waters and helpers at a total cost for 2023 of £4084.28 and an excellent response had been received from recipients. A letter of thanks and 11 comments on the Smisby Facebook page were received.  
The total number of hampers distributed were 28 singles @ £65 each and 21 doubles @ £130 each. 3 singles and 2 doubles were donated to Ashby Food Bank. The total cost being:

Hamper contents	2624.28
Tailors, Butchers, Vouchers	855.00
Lil Bo's Deli	<u>605.00</u>
Total spend	<u>£4084.28</u>

  
In addition to the £2000 paid to Mrs. Waters a further payment of £1000 and 1 payment of £1095 was made and the difference of £10.72 refunded to the Charity.

**j. Christmas Village Party 2023**

A breakdown of the costs was still awaited from Mrs. Walker.

**k. Smisby W.I.**

A thank you letter for the donation to Smisby W.I. had been received from the Secretary giving an insight into their educational and events during 2023.

**5. Business**

**a. “Redacted”**

**b. Overhanging Hedge along footpath on A511**

Mr. Barnett had received a notification from Leicestershire County Council to remove the overhanging hedge at a point along the A511, the land in question being rented by A. J. Parker & Son. Mr. Barnett requested Fisher German to deal with.

**c. “Redacted”**

**d. Funding request from Hazel Salt**

A request to fund the purchase of compost at £15.00 for the Village Hall planters was received and granted by the Trustees. The Clerk to arrange.

**e. “Redacted”**

**f. Smisby Parish Council meeting update**

Mr. Hounslow had attended a meeting of the Parish Council on the 14 November 2023 when the Jubilee Field maintenance was discussed as mentioned above. He agreed that the Charity would supply an input in respect of the Newsletter and at their next AGM in May would be prepared to give a presentation of the Charity’s criteria.

**g. Book Tokens**

The Clerk brought to the Trustees attention that book tokens were due to be distributed to the children of the parish after 31 December 2023. She confirmed that only one newcomer had been received to date. It was agreed that she purchase the book tokens following the cut off date of 31 December 2023 at a cost of £10 for 2 to 10 year olds and £20 for 11 to 16 year olds.

**h. “Redacted”**

**i. “Redacted”**

**6. Investments**

**a. Cash on Deposit at 5 December 2023**

The Clerk presented a spreadsheet of the Cash on Deposit at the 5 December 2023.

**b. Rathbones**

Their report for the quarterly valuation at 30 September was received.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact Rathbones re a review of the investments sometime in March.

**Investment Notifications for consideration**

**c. Cambridge & Counties Bank increase in interest rate to 4.50%**

**d. Close Bros. Statements**

**e. Redwood Bank – It was agreed that the investment of £85K with Redwood Bank be closed.  
The Clerk to arrange.**

## **7. Accounts**

### **Payment of Accounts**

An invoice for £2820.00 had been received from Nuvo Accountancy Ltd and it was agreed that this be paid once the accounts had been completed.

## **8. Other Business**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....