

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHARITY IN THE
ANCIENT PARISH OF SMISBY (“The Charity”)
held at 7pm on the 26 May 2021 in the Village Hall, Smisby**

1. **Present** Mr. S. J. Barnett, Mr. R.J. Hounslow, Ms. C.E. Hynam and Mr. P. Cooper
Attending: Mrs S. Heap (Clerk)
2. **Chairman** It was proposed by Mr. Barnett and seconded by Ms. Hynam that Mr. Hounslow be Chairman of the meeting.
3. **Minutes** Minutes of the previous meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - a. **“Redacted Text”**
 - b. **Jubilee Field Lease**

Although confirmation of the Draft Lease had not yet been received from the Parish Council, Mr. Hounslow understood from a recent meeting of the Parish Council that they were happy with the proposals.
ACTION: The Trustees asked the Clerk to contact the Parish Council for their agreement to the Draft Lease.
 - c. **Telephone Kiosk**

The siting and refurbishment of the Kiosk was now complete at a total cost of £5531.05 being:

Siting and refurbishment:	4810.00
Electrical Work:	436.40
Internal Decoration:	<u>284.65</u>
Total	<u>£5531.05</u>
 - d. **Commemoration to Mr. J. Barnes**

The Clerk had asked the Parish Council, The Village Hall Committee and the Church for their views on a contribution towards a commemorative seat and only the Parish Council had replied that whilst supportive of the idea a financial contribution would be outside of their remit. The Clerk had contacted Chelsey Dowell of ADS Accountancy for her view on the Charity itself funding this. She could not see a reason why the Charity should not pay for a seat in honour of Jeff Barnes which would be classified as a village project and would benefit the community. It was proposed by Mr. Hounslow and agreed that a seat be funded by the Charity.
ACTION: Mr. Cooper offered to source a seat together with a steel plaque. The Clerk was to ask the Church for permission to site a seat in the Church grounds and obtain a suggestion from Mrs. Barnes as to where this would be best sited.
 - e. **Jubilee Field**
 - Football Pitch**

The Trustees agreed the quotation for £3607.00 “Redacted Text” for the re-development of the football pitch be accepted. The Clerk confirmed that the work would commence on the 27 May 2021. Before work could commence it was agreed that the eradication of moles in the pitch be carried out “Redacted Text” at a quoted cost of £320.00. The Clerk confirmed this had been done and a cheque was issued accordingly.
 - Rubbish Removal**

Following letters sent to the residents bordering the Jubilee Field Mr. Hounslow confirmed all rubbish had now been removed.

Petanque Court

It was noted that the court still needed weed killing and fresh gravel and agreed that this be carried out.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to request “*Redacted Text*”.

Wilful Damage

The Clerk had contacted the NFU but to date no reply had been received. She was to contact them again and ask if the picnic benches were covered too.

f. “*Redacted Text*”

5. Business

a. Parish Council Projects

Mr. Hounslow had attended zoom Parish Council meetings when projects for the village were discussed, namely maintenance to the Lock Up and adding names to the Memorial of Smisby servicemen who died in WW2. It was agreed that the Charity would be willing to fund these projects which would be carried out by the Parish Council provided funding was not able to be met by grants etc.

b. “*Redacted Text*”

c. Smisby Allotments

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent a letter to Sarah Rushman of Smisby Allotments asking if they were in a position to pay the Charity £300 agreed as rental for the year and to note that their last payment was in 2019.

d. Smisby WI Donation 2021

It was agreed that this year’s donation be £1000 to Smisby WI.

ACTION: The Clerk was instructed to issue a cheque accordingly.

e. Notification of NFU AGM

Notification of the NFU AGM had been received and Mr. Hounslow offered to reply and vote on line accordingly.

f. Robert Butler Insurance

The renewal premium insurance had been received at a cost of £885.02. The Clerk had questioned the excessive increase and following a further look at the cost the premium was brought down to £621.43. This was accepted by the Trustees and a cheque was issued accordingly.

6. Investments

“*Redacted Text*”

7. Payment of Accounts

IT WAS RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

a. Church Charity – Half Receipts less Half Expenses	
Period 1 December 2020 to 31 March 2021	£6552.61
b. Mrs. S. Heap – Clerks Expenses	£81.14

8. Accounts The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 had been completed by the Clerk and a spreadsheet had been presented for approval. Once approval was agreed the Clerk would submit the accounts to ADS Accountancy for audit.

9. Other Business

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15.

Signed.....

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