

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 17th April 2025 at 7:30pm at New Victory Hall, Neatishead

Present:

Cllr Robert Ferrier-Hanger (Chair)
Cllr Michael Godfrey (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Daniel Moulton
Cllr Ben Mullard
Cllr Jane Rutter
Laura Bateman – Parish Clerk

Also present:

Claire Penstone-Smith – Chair, Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group
Doreen Dean – Chair, New Victory Hall Management Committee
Sue Clayton – *NIB* newsletter
3 members of the public

1. Welcome

Cllr Ferrier-Hanger opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed the attendees.

2. Apologies

Cllr Gerard Mancini-Boyle – Hoveton & Tunstead Ward, North Norfolk District Council
Cllr Richard Price – South Smallburgh Division, Norfolk County Council
PC Matt Pritty – Norfolk Police

3. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting held on 18th April 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Rutter. *Seconded:* Cllr Godfrey. *All in favour.*

4. Speakers / Reports in Absence

- a. Cllr Ferrier-Hanger presented a report providing an overview of the Parish Council's activities over the past year. The presentation is available on the Parish Council's website.
- b. The Clerk gave an overview of the Parish Council's finances for 2024–2025. Details are available on the website.
- c. A report was read out on behalf of Cllr Price; it will be published on the Parish Council's website.
- d. A report was read out on behalf of Cllr Mancini-Boyle; it will be published on the Parish Council's website.

e. A report was read out on behalf of PC Matt Pritty; it will be published on the Parish Council's website.

f. Doreen Dean provided a report on New Victory Hall's activities and an overview of its financial position for 2024–2025. The report will be made available on the Parish Council's website.

g. Claire Penstone-Smith, Chair of the Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group, gave an update on the group's activities. The report will be made available on the Parish Council's website. Claire extended an invitation to all councillors to visit the Black Shed, where the organisation is storing documents that may be of interest. The possibility of installing an interpretation board at the Staithe is still being explored, and the Parish Council agreed to support this initiative where possible.

h. Sue Clayton from the NIB newsletter provided an update on the newsletter's activities and thanked everyone for their contributions to its success. She expressed gratitude to the six volunteers, without whose time and efforts the newsletter would not be possible. Sue encouraged the Parish Council to advertise more in the NIB and highlighted that using the glass bottle banks helps generate recycling credits, which the Parish Council can reinvest into the community.

5. Any Other Business

None.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 16th April 2026 at 7:30pm, New Victory Hall, Neatishead.

The meeting closed at 8:12pm.

Signed:

Chairman