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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Oxborough 16 April 2025.

The meeting opened at 7.15 pm.

10 members of the electorate were present. Chair & Minutes: David Hotchkin.

1. Agreement on the Minutes of 2024 meeting.

Approval proposed by Mrs. Watkins, seconded by Mrs. Willies. Minutes **APPROVED**.

2. Update on issues from 2024.

The Chair mentioned that the plot on St. John's Close, adjacent to the Pumping Station appears to be Adopted Highways, having found a map showing grass cutting responsibilities. This matches the Public Rights of Way mapping produced by Norfolk County Council Highways. There was a brief discussion about the proposed sale by Breckland Council.

It was announced that the Village Hall AGM would be on 8 May 2025.

The absence of the title deeds to the designated burial plot on the south side of the churchyard was discussed. It was stated that it was not being regarded, by the relevant authority, as "important enough". It was also stated that it is the responsibility of the Church and not that of the Parish Council. It was suggested that the NALC should be consulted on the legal aspects and that the Bedingfeld family might be consulted on the deeds and the easement which is referred to in extant documents. It was also suggested that the Parish council might seek the assistance of any solicitor living in the Parish.

The question of the accounts of the Hewar's Charity was raised. It was suggested that the figures available are minimal and that there seems to be a "secret formula" for the distribution of funds.

3. Reports:

Reports were received from the following:

The Chairman of the Parish Council.

County Councillor Fabian Eagle (Brecks Division).

Oxborough Village Hall Committee.

The Parochial Church Council of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Oxborough.

The Trustees of the Thomas Hewar's Charity.

Oxborough Speedwatch. This included a county-wide report from speed cameras. The possibility of white gates was being investigated. Thanks were expressed for the team's work.

The History Group report. Thanks were expressed.

SAM 2 sign report. Cllr. Willies is seeking help with the handling of the sign. Training will be provided to any volunteer.

(All of the reports listed above may be found on the Oxborough Parish Council website).

(No report was received from the District Councillor.).

4. Open Forum for discussion of any topic raised by an Elector of Oxborough Parish.

It was **proposed** that the Parish Council should do something to recognise the 24 years of service given by Mrs. Susan Hernandez; so it should therefore be put on the Parish Council's Agenda for the next meeting.

Proposed by Mrs. Pritchard, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson. **AGREED**.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Date: