



**Minutes for Meeting Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.15pm  
held at Flanders, High Street, Cley**

ATTENDING Simon Read, , Ben Dansie, Richard Deane, Andy Gonzales,  
Shelagh Gonzales Mel Kemp, Simon Lee, Mike Mirams,  
Matthew Roe, Judith Wood.

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| Item 1      | APOLOGIES | Tim Baker   |
| Item 2      | MINUTES   | The minutes from meetings held Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 and Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 were approved.  |
| Item 3      | FINANCE   | <p>CURRENT ACCOUNT – The balance remains healthy and has increased due to a generous donation of £297.50 in memory of James Tillett. PAYMENTS MADE/DUE include: £30 to Chevertons (canoe rack notice) and to Fakenham Town Band (COTQ Dec 2025).<br/>Ask Kate W about use/attribution of the donation for James-----SR</p> <p>FORECAST PROJECTS/SPENDING PLAN – To refine the 5-10 yr plan, This is in course to assess projected income from events and other sources v. the projected costs over the same period.<br/>Discuss possible grant funding sources to supplement income---MM/BD<br/>Produce detailed draft plan for discussion at next meeting----SR/MM/SL</p>  |
| MEDIA       |           | <p>NEWSLETTER: The last CH newsletter was produced in Feb 2020 and this will be resurrected in a punchy, engaging format (with photos) and produced annually. It is important to continue to communicate the CH message to enhance support. Due to GDPR, emailing a newsletter is now complex, so distribution to be via PDF version sent on social media.</p> <p>The next edition may include ‘The <i>Cley Channel Cup</i>’, a silver trophy from 1928 and last won in 1931. It was purchased on Ebay and donated five years ago. E.g. There could be a (handicapped) centenary race for all craft.<br/>Draft CH newsletter with a short 5-year update , recent improvements, details of 2025 events etc -----MK<br/>Submit CH updates to GVN to reach a wider audience-----MK<br/>Decide a purpose competition for the Cley Channel cup-----SR/MM</p> |
| MERCHANDISE |           | <p>Merchandise is required in good time for the stall at the Cley village fete Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and CHD Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The current supplier of the etched CH flasks appears to be winding down the operation.<br/>Meet with branded items supplier in Norwich----- SR</p>  |

Explore etching of flasks with Cromer Trophies -----JW  
Explore design and production of Emma Bridgewater mugs (including minimum numbers) in time for CH 10 year anniversary 2027 -----BD  
Forward details of recent Emma Bridgewater event to BD -----MK  
Make some CH branded rucksacks for the stall -----SG

CPC

The CPC has discussed ‘making good’ of the existing gabions on the quay and there is a budget allocated for this. CH has offered to be involved in the renovation of the gabions and will explore options. NB Digger access to the quay must be retained in the long term.  
Discuss options for a CH proposal with Gemma -----SR/MM

A short carved message/small plaque on the bench donated by CH for the residents and visitors may encourage use during better weather.  
Explore options for a small plaque with Cromer Trophies-----JW

Item 4 WORKING PARTIES

CANOE RACK – SR has arranged a sign giving management information about the canoe rack, including logo, QR code and contact details.  
Attach sign to the canoe rack -----SR  
Circulate photo of canoe rack sign on socials -----MK

REED MANAGEMENT – The current cutting contract with Jonathan is working well. It was agreed that for 2025 ideally there should be an annual contract for March – August, to cut both banks monthly from the canoe rack to the flood gate to relieve SR of the responsibility.  
Obtain a quote from Jonathan for this expanded work -----MR  
In addition there may be a ‘Creekers’ working party to cut and burn the reeds outside of this area e.g. 12 volunteers and three cutters -----SR

WALKWAY AND MOORING – All boats at the quay should be moored with fore and aft lines in a ‘V’ formation. To avoid issues with the changing water level, a stainless steel handrail/sliding ring arrangement on each riding post will simplify mooring for boat owners. The current quoted cost is £4,200 for 15 mooring places.  
Investigate generic solution for the above rail/ring fitting -----SR

Item 5 ELECTRICITY

The CH electricity box has been prepared for positioning behind the Mill sign near the quay. The cost is £428 to provide with a metered supply (and keys). This first phase will include a 32 amp supply and four 13 amp sockets, which will support plenty for extension leads for events. The CH connection will bypass the Mill’s supply so avoid any possible impact of overload/outage. CH will reimburse the Mill for power used.

There will be capacity for boat charging within the new box. This facility may be introduced as a second phase.

Item 6 CHANNEL MAINTENANCE

A further conversation with the Mill is planned about a) clearing the reed bed and b) new quay heading. The Mill team has many other projects in course at present. It may be that CH could assist with labour for reed bed clearance and the spoil be used to level their lawn as a first phase. The quay heading work could be delayed until a future date.

Grant funding may also be available to the Mill for this follow-up project and CH may be able to help with the application.  
Speak to the Mill about various options and possible assistance-----SR

- Item 7 CLEY HARBOUR DAY This will take place **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August from 5pm to 9.50pm** when the time/height of the tide is suitable - and band *Hot Squash* is available. Shanty singers e.g. Sheringham Shanty Singers, Nelson's Shantymen or Blakeney Old Wild Rovers are an option, together with The Hix, who now also perform covers during their set.  
Confirm booking with Hot Squash -----MM  
Discuss booking of The Hix with Jerry-----MM  
Explore potential shanty singers -----MK  
Publish CHD date on socials/website NB Date TBC with Mill-----MK/MR  
Book Punch & Judy man and toilets----- SR  
Book Ronaldo's ice cream with Ellie's Sheringham-----JW  
Grub Committee to meet and start planning -----BD/RD/MR  
Raffle prizes - consider options (ready for Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June drinks) -----ALL  
*Plus possible prizes/sponsorship: Henley Stewards' tickets (SR), The Anchor voucher (MK), Neil Thompson (MM), Adnams (MR)*
- Item 8 OTHER EVENTS Low tide walk to be added to calendar-----MM  
CH's tenth anniversary celebrations will be in 2027 as CH officers were elected at a meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- Item 9 AOB Approach Neil Thompson for appropriate children (and families) to be recipients of the Hesperus raffle prize -----MM