

AGM November 12 2025 , All Saints Church

Attendees: Norman Jacobs , Rosemary Jacobs, Tony Wright, Joe Catoe , Chris Emerson, Melvin Forman, Lottie Gaberste , Kim Leonard, Marsha Parker, Todd Parker, Jeremy Dearling, Ann Smith (non member). Video link, Sheila Stern, Lily Whear.(advisor)

Apologies:

Susan Nulty, Jane Dearling, Paul Van der Hulks, Phillip Koopowitz, Peter Halmer, Mark Dimon, Jonathan Keran Black, Simon Gordon (BOD) Dawn Waterman (BOD)

1. Chairman's report:

Sent to all and attached;

Application for charitable status update. They have replied “that having assessed this application and on the basis of the information you have provided we are unable to proceed **and this application has been closed but not a refusal..** Please be aware that this is not a refusal to register your organisation, but we have not received a full application and are unable to make a considered assessment and a registration decision. **Consent for sensitive word in name not provided.** Marsha had to confirm the name of the organisation with the Royal Names Cabinet Office for approval . Approval has been granted for our name . The commission advised although not part of the reason to return the application, before reapplying we would suggest that you review and redraft the objects to ensure they are exclusively charitable and accurately reflect the charitable purpose or purposes you consider the organisation is furthering. Marsha will keep our purpose basic being to preserve for public benefit to conserve the site of the historic Jewish Cemetery. Martin's father has died and conversations have led to contact with a potentially helpful person who could help with the Charity Commissioners. We continue to open Sunday afternoons throughout the summer and welcome and encourage private visits.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Attached with audit.

Kim reported verbally that there were 36 transactions during the last year. Our financial operating year is from 30th Sept Year X ending 29th September X+1. We currently hold £2,800 in a Nat West current account, of which £2353 is income the remainder being donations. Expenditure this year was £1236 of which the greatest part was £1000 for tombstone repairs. The accounts were audited for the fee of £30. All present plus e mail votes (19) accepted the Treasurers accounts and report.



3. Charitable Status: Discussion followed as to the merits of applying for charitable status.

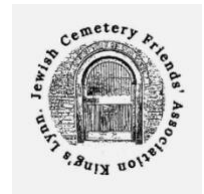
It is proposed that the Jewish Cemetery Friends Association Kings Lynn applies and becomes registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. 19 votes agreed, this

Election of Trustees :

Re-election of officers is not due till the 2026 AGM. Present officers will become Trustees . The meeting and by e mail 19 in favour . that officers remain in post till 2026. Glynn Jacobs introduced himself as willing to become a Trustee.

Todd Parker, chair, Paul Van de Hulks , deputy chair, Kim Leonard, treasurer , Glynn Jacobs, Anthony Wright , Martin Shapiro, Jeremy Dearling

The meeting closed.



Jewish Cemetery Friends' Association King's Lynn Meeting (AGM) 2025

I have made a few additions since I sent out a letter to all members.

As a Community support group set up to conserve and protect the Burial site plus other community objectives there is the opportunity to vote on key issues about how this association moves forward. Notice of the meeting and important resolutions were sent to all members . are set out below with supporting information available in the CIO (Charity Incorporated Organisation) constitution.

During the past year the present committee have been concerned with obtaining information regarding lime mortar pointing and repairs, estimated costs, fund raising and public access to the Burial site.

Since the last AGM (November 4 2024)

- 1) A short documentary has been shown made as part of the Jewish Film Festival 2024, about "Orphaned Burial sites" at various venues in the UK targeted at Jewish audiences. It will be shown again this year at various venues but we are pleased that The Jewish Film Festival will have a showing in Norwich 4th December, at Norwich Playhouse. The huge response has meant moving the venue to Screen. 1. Maybe it will be possible to have a film night in Kings Lynn.
- 2) A large donation was applied for, granted and received from the Kings Lynn Town Guides £1000.
- 3) Our accounts are being audited but at present stand at £2712.91
- 4) Quotations for conservation and repair have been sought and an estimate in three phases accepted. (Under £10,000) It is anticipated that costs will rise. Work will commence on Phase 1 March 2026.
- 5) The cemetery has been open to the public every Sunday 2-4pm. May to end September and private visits facilitated.
- 6) The present committee have voted to support an application for CIO status and Charity commission registration. This will enable grant application and funding in the future.
- 7) Plans have been made for an event to take place in Kings Lynn during Jewish Culture month Sivan 5786: May June 2026. Venue Hanse House Kings Lynn, An evening of Music and Food 7 June 2026. We will enquire about showing a couple of short film from the Jewish film festival.
- 8) We have employed Lily Whear Beryllium Communications Ltd. To develop our web site, communications and media profile.



- 9) Moving forward there will need to be a working group for events and another for the day to day running of the burial ground . We are delighted that Glynn Jacobs a former resident of Kings Lynn and descendant of the founder member Abraham Moses Jones has volunteered to become a trustee.

In order to complete the registration to the Charities commission, CIO application and HMRC as an association it is important that a vote is taken from our members. We have received email votes. A vote will be taken at item 4 of tonight's agenda

Our present management committee have examined the CIO constitution document (Gov.uk template) and agreed to take this forward to the AGM. This document is attached. It is a long and involved document . This will replace but incorporate our existing Constitution. It strengthens the existing objectives (Item 3) and formulates powers (Item 4) and guidelines for a sustainable charity and community interest group and what will happen should this Association fold/cease.. Members of the present working Committee will initially become Trustees in accordance with the CIO constitution. (Items 6.7) Item 9 is about membership. Item 10 describes your involvement as members, the need to keep you informed, involved, give and receive notice of resolutions, decisions and voting conditions.

- 1) It is proposed that the Jewish Cemetery friends Association Kings Lynn applies and becomes registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Agree, Disagree, abstain
- 2) To approve treasurers accounts and report. Agree/Disagree/Abstain
- 3) To elect present committee as trustees for the set up of CIO with elections and re elections to take place at the AGM 2026. Agree/Disagree
- 4) Todd Parker, chair
- 5) Paul Van de Hulks , deputy chair
- 6) Glynn Jacobs
- 7) Kim Leonard, treasurer
- 8) Anthony Wright
- 9) Martin Shapiro, Sunday Opening volunteer
- 10) Jeremy Dearling Sunday Opening volunteer

With Best Wishes

Todd Parker