



MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CHARITY NUMBER: 1149390

The STARS Committee met on Monday 6th October, 2025 from 19:30 to 21:00 at *Abbots Ripton C of E School*.

Members present:

James Stevens, Emma Wadsworth, Mr Heather, Stephanie Wilcox, Stefanie Proud, Kirsty Reynolds.

Apologies:

Kags Alexander Cahill, Lee Nugent, Holly Jones, Jasdeep Sidhu, Natalie Selby, Daisy Smallpage.

1. Welcome (and introduction if applicable) and members present.

James (Chair) warmly welcomed everyone and outlined what would happen in the meeting.

2. Apologies

See above

3. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) (Conflicts of Interest check)

There were no matters arising or conflicts of interest registered.

4. Chairs Report for 2023/2024

James delivered the 2024/25 Chair's Report (see appendix 1), giving an overview of the document produced.

James has stepped down as Chair after three incredible years. We want to extend our thanks for his dedication and hard work for STARS. During his time as Chair, James helped raise an amazing amount of funds and created unforgettable memories for both children and parents. His efforts have made a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful. He won't be leaving STARS completely but will step down as Chair for his final year at Abbots Ripton School.

5. Treasurer's Report for 2023/2024

As the Treasurers were unable to attend the meeting, James kindly delivered the Treasurer's Report on their behalf (see Appendix 2). He highlighted that the total amount raised by STARS for the 2024/25 year was truly outstanding – a testament to the hard work and generosity of everyone involved.

6. Election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee

In accordance with STARS constitution all elected members stood down from their roles on the PTA.

- James has stepped down as Chair. However, James was then nominated by Emma Wadsworth as Vice-Chair and seconded by Stefanie Proud.
- James nominated Emma Wadsworth to take over the Chair role and this was seconded by Stephanie Wilcox and Stefanie Proud and Kirsty Reynolds.
- James then nominated Stephanie Wilcox as Secretary and this was seconded by Emma Wadsworth.
- The Treasurer roles will remain unchanged, with Jasdeep Sidhu and Natalie Selby continuing in their positions.

As both James and Emma are already signatories on the bank account, no changes are required in this regard.

Mr Heather expressed his agreement with the above appointments and acknowledged that STARS continue to do a fantastic job.

7. Any other business.

The Headteacher, upon request from the Chair, presented the "School Wishlist" for the coming academic year. The needs are:

- Ongoing need for books - this is a monthly cost for each year group. The Committee agreed to continue funding for termly new books across the classes. The Headteacher said that the pupils really enjoyed getting new books.
- There was also a discussion around the furniture in the hall - tables and chairs for lunch. Mr Heather expressed he would like to update them to foldable chairs and newer tables. He will get back to STARS with a cost.
- James put forward an idea for an outdoor classroom/event area. Mr Heather liked this idea and said it's great to have an outdoor area especially in the summer. This would also replace the marquees we have to put up for the events. James will look into pricing.

Future events were discussed - Campfire Cookout (Friday 17th October), Elf Workshop (Friday 28th November), Santa Breakfast (Friday 12th December) and Elfbridges (Friday 12th December) and plans are underway for them all.

The new Chair will send a note round via Class Reps to ask parents to update any allergy information with the school pre the events we will be holding.

The Chair closed the meeting expressing gratitude for those able to be there in person.