

Cornish Hall End Village Hall

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 8pm on 2nd October 2025

Present:

Peter Dacey (Chair) (Bookings) ("PD")
Elaine Hodgson (Treasurer) ("EH")
Alice Landsman (Secretary) ("AL")
Anne Dacey (Bookings) ("AD")
Jane Blewett ("JBI")
Katherine Diss ("KD")

In attendance:

Rebecca Gill ("RG") (Parish Councillor)
Chris Blewett ("CB")

Apologies:

Steve Cadman (Vice-chair) ("SC")
Steve Kavanagh (Health & Safety) ("SK")
Fiona Watkins ("FW")
Jamie Bright ("JBr")
Johnny Strange ("JS") (Parish Councillor)

Immediately prior to the AGM a meeting of the Management Trustees was held in order to examine the audited accounts for the year 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025. EH presented the accounts, which had previously been circulated to all Trustees, and confirmed that no queries had been raised. EH advised that Hirings were up on last year as were Donations and, of course, we had received Barbara Foot's generous legacy. Running costs were generally similar to previous years and overall income covers general expenditure. We are in a healthy position with just over £37,000 being held in four accounts, three of which are interest-earning.

EH confirmed that Judy McElligott had audited the accounts and had confirmed their accuracy.

As the six Trustees present constituted a quorum it was unanimously agreed that the accounts be agreed and accepted by the Trustees and all Trustees present signed the document unamended.

EH will prepare the necessary Annual Return and Report to the Charity Commission. As our income was under £25,000 there is no need to file the accounts with the Charity Commission.

PD thanked EH for all her diligent work in her role as Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at 7.55pm.

Welcome

PD welcomed all those present to the AGM and thanked everyone for attending, especially Rebecca Gill (with Maeve) and Chris Blewett. PD also gave apologies from the Trustees listed above.

Minutes of AGM held on 3rd October 2024

These had previously been circulated and were unanimously agreed as accurate and signed by PD.

Matters arising from the Minutes

PD informed the meeting that most matters would be covered later in the meeting, however, he confirmed that a 2024 Christmas Fayre had not been held as no-one was willing to take the reins and organise it.

PD also confirmed that the £10,000 legacy from Barbara Foot had now been received.

Chair's Report

PD recited the attached Chair's Report, giving an accurate summary of the year's activities and the expected continued and, hopefully, increased use of the Hall.

Everyone thanked PD for his continued hard work as Chairman.

Treasurer's Report

EH reported as per the attached Treasurer's Report. This had previously been circulated, along with the Accounts, and confirmed that the Charity is financially secure with a credit balance of £37,243.50 as at 31st July 2025. This figure includes the £27,000 which was deposited between two interest-bearing accounts and the balance of the £10,000 legacy (£6,000 of which was used towards the redecoration costs), which again is to be invested in an interest-earning account.

Everyone joined PD in thanking EH for all her hard work.

Hall Hire Report

Since Ashleigh's resignation, Peter and Anne Dacey have taken over the role of Bookings Secretary. PD reported that it is the regular hirings which keep the hall afloat, specifically the Singing Group each week and the Pilates Sessions hirings.

A successful Spring Fayre was held as well as a Quiz Night. The latter was held in the Horse & Groom with ticket proceeds being received by the Hall.

Three meetings have been held in the hall: two by the Parish Council and one by Jenna Sturt. In addition, there have been equipment hire on 4 occasions and a Police visit to explain about Rural Policing.

There are hopefully two birthday party bookings for October and a Parish Council Meeting in November. These should all be noted on the website which is now being kept up to date and where the public can find the booking and contact forms.

Hire Charges

The current hire rates were confirmed as: £12 an hour (£10 an hour for regular bookings); Government Election Days £17 an hour; Full day hire £80; audio/visual equipment, including projector and screen at £20; tables & chairs etc – a donation; china £20/event and wine glasses £1.50/six glasses.

AD proposed that these should remain unchanged although EH did raise the point that we really should increase them each year in order to show that we are covering increased running costs.

However, bearing in mind that we are in a very secure financial position, it was agreed to leave them unchanged for the coming year **BUT** that the Day Rate is removed entirely with charges being per hour for every event with setting up and clearing times to be included. PD/AD will, however, exercise discretion when hiring to regular village hirers.

Also the rate for Government hirings is to be a flat figure of £275 per day.

It was also agreed that a view will be taken should a charity wish to hire the hall.

JBI pointed out that these changes will need to be updated on the website, both in the "Costs" section and the Hire Charges document. **AL/PD** will ask **Alex** to update accordingly.**

Resignation and Election of Trustees and Officers

All the Trustees and Officers resigned.

PD asked the meeting if anyone else present wished to apply to be a Trustee, but no-one did.

The six Trustees present all agreed to be re-appointed as did the four absent Trustees who had previously advised PD that it was their wish to continue to be Trustees and they were all duly re-elected. PD thanked everyone for continuing to be a Trustee.

AL to prepare Declaration of Acceptance form and arrange for all 10 Trustees to sign.

Future Plans

Quiz Night

Dawn Kennedy is hosting another quiz night on the 25th October which, again, is to be held in the Horse and Groom with the revenue raised from the sale of tickets being for the benefit of the Hall. PD thanked FW for all her efforts in co-ordinating this event.

Christmas Fayre

PD advised the meeting that unfortunately it is not planned to hold a Fayre this year as no-one has stepped up as organiser.

Horse & Groom

It is believed they are planning to hold a Beerfest during 2026.

Cinema events

EH proposed that we hold cinema events (Film and Live TV). Following discussion it was agreed that these should be left on the back burner as, sadly, the mood was quite negative as to how many people would actually attend. It was agreed that the Trustees would sound out villagers to assess the viability of holding such events.

Wine Tasting/Cocktail Making

These had proved successful in the past and these too were left on the back burner.

PD thanked everyone and welcomed all event suggestions both this evening and going forward.

Any Other Business

PD asked if anyone wished to raise anything but nothing was forthcoming.

There being no other business, CB left the meeting which then closed at 8.46pm.

Date of Next AGM 8^{pm} on Thursday 8th October 2026

*** hire charges updated*

P. Dacey, Chair

Date:

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