Cornish Hall End Village Hall

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 8pm on 8th October 2026

Present:
Peter Dacey (Chair) (Bookings) ("PD")
Elaine Hodgson (Treasurer) ("EH")
Alice Landsman (Secretary) ("AL")
Anne Dacey (Bookings) ("AD")
Fiona Watkins ("FW")
Jane Blewett ("JB")
Katherine Diss ("KD")

In attendance:
Chris Blewett ("CB")

Apologies:
Steve Kavanagh (Health & Safety) ("SK")
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 2025 to 31st July 2026. EH presented the Financial Report which included the accounts (attached). These had previously been circulated to all Trustees and confirmed that no queries had been raised.

It was confirmed that our £27,000 investment with Cambridge & Counties matures on the 19th October 2026 and they have offered us a favourable rate of interest of 4.6% if we reinvest which equates to c.£1,200 for the forthcoming year.

We had spent just over £10,000 during this financial year compared to c.7,500 in the year to 31st July 2025, the extra mostly being due to redecoration costs.

The regular hirers contributed greatly to the hall's income along with two fund-raising events and interest and this covers the everyday running costs.

The floor repair to the small room was covered by a grant but, as is the case, there is always something that needs attention.

EH was thanked for all her hard work and diligence as Treasurer.

We currently hold in total c£38,000 compared to c.£37,000 last year which increase is due to interest earned and fund-raising events. There is an increase of £973 over the previous year.

EH confirmed that Judy McElligott had audited the accounts and had confirmed their accuracy. Thanks were given for Judy's contribution.

PD and all present agreed that the accounts were accurate and that we are in a very healthy financial position. The report was duly signed by PD, EH and AL.

EH will now submit the signed Financial Report to 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 Chris Blewett for joining us as the sole attendee from the village.

Apologies
Steve Kavanagh (Health & Safety) ("SK")
Steve Cadman (Vice-Chairman) ("SC")
Johnny Strange ("JS") (Parish Councillor)

Minutes of AGM held on 2nd October 2025
These had previously been circulated and were unanimously agreed as accurate and signed by PD.

Matters arising from the Minutes
The quiz night held in the Horse and Groom was a success.

PD informed the meeting that other matters would be covered later in the meeting.

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.

JB suggested that this report should be sent to The Villager and **PD** agreed to do this at the same time thanking the villagers for continuing to support the hall.***

Everyone thanked PD for his continued hard work as Chairman.

Treasurer's Report
EH summarised the year's accounts per the attached Treasurer's Report. This had previously been circulated, along with the Accounts, and EH confirmed that the Charity is financially secure with a credit balance of £38,216.59 as at 31st July 2026. This figure includes the monies invested of £32,164 which is deposited between two interest-bearing accounts.

EH confirmed that her comments at the Finance Meeting held prior to the AGM covered everything.

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

JB confirmed that we need to appoint a new Auditor as although Judy McElligot was willing to continue, she was happy to relinquish the role. JB had approached Rachel Drane but she had politely declined. EH had contacted her former boss (Glen) who had agreed to be appointed and **EH** will send his details to AL so she can officially instruct him to act for this current financial year. This was proposed by EH, seconded by PD and agreed by all present. **AL** agreed to instruct Glen.

AL suggested that a formal thank you should be given to Judy along with a token of our appreciation. **PD** agreed to attend to this.

Hall Hire Report

PD apologies that he had unfortunately left a written report at home (now attached hereto) but summarised the bookings as being the two regular hirers (Singing and Pilates); two Parish Council meetings, a business meeting regarding solar power to houses in Millers Row and five/six private bookings.

The hall had held two successful quiz evenings, one at the Horse & Groom and the other in the hall.

There had been no hirings at all during July, August and September but there were two confirmed for November. JB advised that she would like to hire some equipment during the week commencing 17th November.

Hire Charges

The current hire rates are: £12 an hour (£10 an hour for regular bookings); Government hirings £275 per day; 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 and it was agreed by all present these should remain unchanged. **AL** is to re-date the Charges document and have it uploaded to the website.

Resignation and Election of Trustees and Officers

All the Trustees and Officers resigned.

PD reported that Steve Cadman had resigned as a Trustee with effect from the 8th October 2026 and **AL** will remove him as a Trustee on the Charity Commission site *. A vote of thanks given to Steve for his work as a Trustee over the years and, in particular, for his role in the Hall's refurbishment.

PD asked the meeting if anyone else present wished to apply to be a Trustee, but no-one did. AD advised that she had spoken to Eileen who had declined.

AL suggested Johnny Strange but it was agreed that he was too busy at the moment but that it was something to bear in mind at a later date.

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

AL advised, as had previously been circulated, that new Declarations of Acceptance needed to be signed and everyone present duly signed. **AL** will arrange for SK to sign **.

Future Plans

Christmas Fayre
FW reported that plans for the fayre to be held on 5th December were going well and currently has 7.5 tables booked at £15 a table. **PD** agreed to have the dates changed on the advertising boards. FW was thanked for organising this event.

Quiz Night
It is hoped to hold a further quiz night in 2027.

Summer Event
EH is hoping to organise such an event to be held on the Playing Field (or in the hall if wet) and will prepare a report for the January meeting. Unfortunately, EH will be away on the 7th January but will circulate details beforehand.

Any Other Business
As new owners were now in situ at the Horse & Groom CB suggested, and it was agreed, that we should keep them informed of our plans and our hope that both the pub and hall could work together on events for the benefit of the village community.

CB thanked all the Trustees for all they do to keep the hall in such good condition and he was thanked for always supporting too.

There being no other business, CB left the meeting which then closed at 8.30pm.

Date of Next AGM 8pm on Thursday 7th October 2027

Post meeting notes:

* *SC has been removed as a Trustee*
** *AL has delivered the Declaration document to SK for him to sign*
*** *PD has sent the Chair's report to The Villager*

P. Dacey, Chair *Date:*