

Helperby Village Hall CIO
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on
Wednesday 24^h April 2024 at
Helperby Village Hall

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Present: Peter Mitchell (Chairman), Frances Shepherdson, John King, Aubrey Ambrose, Mike Shepherdson, Alex Robertson, Steve Wood, Pam Jackson-Vickers (member)

Apologies: Nigel Costello

1 Chairman's welcome

- 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The chairman took the meeting through the highlights of the previous 12 months, which include additional insulation to the hall ceiling space and main hall floor professional resurfacing. He commented that through a challenging period, costs had been well managed along with a small increase to hire charges and the continued support of hall users revenue had been stable and the five-year plan was being maintained. The chairman advised the meeting that if the planning application is approved for the proposed solar farm, then the VH may derive some financial benefit and have prepared some capital plans to improve the facilities of the hall in the event funding become available. He thanked the volunteer gardening team, 'halls angels' team and trustees for their continued support throughout 2023.
- 1.2 PJM opened the meeting for member questions. PJV asked if the trustees had plans for any theatre productions like the very successful 'Bash Street Kids' production held in 2023 or music in conjunction with Ripon Festival or Rural Arts. A general discussion took place around the merits of such events and the hire fees of groups such as 'Bash Street Kids' which generally makes them prohibitive. The hall is hosting a Ripon festival event in the autumn. PJV advised that York Theatre Royal do performances in village halls, having one scheduled in Green Hammerton Hall the trustees thanked PJV and agreed to look at other options.

2 Minutes of last meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the AGM held on 12th April 2023 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

3 Membership of CIO

- 3.1 MS reported that membership of the CIO stood at twenty-seven.

4 Annual Report and Accounts for 2023

- 4.1 FS Presented The trustees' annual report and financial statement, which had been independently examined, to the meeting which was taken as read and accepted following clarification questions from PJV and AR. PJM commented that the finances were in a healthy position particularly given the cost of living crisis.
- 4.2 FS said that the final accounts would be forwarded to us for signature when the accountants were in receipt of the minutes of the AGM. Once this is complete MS will update the Charity Commission as required.

5 Retirement of trustees

- 5.1 MS advised the meeting that no charity trustees were required to retire by rotation (longest in office since their last appointment) as Steve Laux, Martine Laux and George Poole had retired as trustees since the last AGM.

6 Election of trustees

- 6.1 It was agreed to appoint Alex Robertson and Steve Wood trustees.

7 Events Planned for 2024

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7.1 The meeting discussed events for 2024 which are, currently the annual village barbeque, to be held on Sunday 4 August. The meeting also discussed the possibility of holding a further event later in the year and potentially to hold an event in February 2025. It was agreed to discuss further at a future trustee meeting.

8 Date of next AGM

8.1 Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 7:00pm.

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