

Garvestone Village Hall (New Build) Ltd
Company No 6847924 Charity No 1148395
Annual General Meeting
Friday 25th October 2024 at 7.05 pm

Draft Minutes

Present: Stephen Smith (chair), Jon Gooch, Ruth Gooch, Dot Leeder, Andrew Blake, Margie Fielding, Rob Fielding, Rev. Tim Weatherstone, Jim Smerdon, Michael Garrod

- 1. Welcome and introduction** the chair welcomed all present to the meeting
- 2. Apologies for Absence** Kerry Collinson, James Garrod, Tamsin Garrod, Shane ?
- 3. Minutes of the last AGM**, held on 23rd October 2023, were agreed.
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes** re: item 6. The Just Giving page and QR codes suggested in the previous year's discussion are still in process. The meeting discussed a possible moving in pack for new residents.
- 5. Trustees' Report** The current bank balance is 15,861.87p. While there had been another year-on-year improvement in the Hall's financial operations, including a year-end surplus on activities, the situation was still very challenging. The Booking Secretary's report tabled at this meeting identified some problems with repeat bookings and events, including the cancellation (for the current year at least) of Quiz Night. Meanwhile costs continue to rise, notably a new electricity contract which is significantly more expensive than the previous one.

There was a discussion of possible sources of income outside Hall's hire rates (which are about to rise). Tim Weatherstone mentioned benefice charities which give small grants (such as the one local to Garvestone administered by Michael Garrod). Dot Leeder has recently attended a Breckland Council meeting for trustees of similar institutions, and which was a valuable source of contacts and advice. Jim Smerdon said that the Garvestone, Reymerton and Thuxton Parish Council may take over the running of the play area, which is currently closed for repair/replacement, and which is a very significant drain on Village Hall finances. The matter is on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting, scheduled for 28th October 2024. A new system of 'development benefit' replacing Section 106, starting on Jan 5th 2025, may become a useful source of income.

6. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 were agreed with the addition of one missing sum, 739,567, on page 4 line 1 of the sub-section headed 'Reserves Policy'.

7. Appointment of Directors

- 1.** Stephen Smith stood for re-election as Chair, having stood down in rotation. Dot Leeder **proposed his re-election**, Ruth Gooch **seconded**. The proposal was **carried unanimously**.

2. Dot Leeder stood for re-appointment as the directors' corporate trustee for the Thuxton and Garvestone Institute. Stephen Smith **proposed** the re-appointment, Jon Gooch **seconded**, and the appointment was **confirmed unanimously**.

8. **Membership:** There were no resignations or appointments during the year.

9. **Date of next meeting** Friday October 24th 2025

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.