

Garvestone Village Hall (New Build) Ltd
Company No 6847924 Charity No 1148395
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 23rd October 2025 at 7.40 pm

DRAFT Minutes

Present: Stephen Smith (chair) (SS), Jon Gooch (JG), Ruth Gooch (RG), Dot Leeder (DL), Andrew Blake (AB), Lesley Griffin (LG) and 9 Members.

1. Welcome and introduction. The chair welcomed all present to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies for Absence Kerry Collinson, Tim Weatherstone, Peter Skeggs-Gooch.

3. Minutes of the last AGM, held on 25th October 2024, were agreed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes. SS reported that since the new Annual Membership had been introduced, the current number of members is 51. SS has updated the Charity Commission website with the reduced number of Trustee Directors.

5. Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st March 2025.

SS summarized the report and pointed out that Total Income was £28,280 which was an increase since the previous year, giving a gross surplus of £22,462, but after deducting running costs of £22,666 we made a small loss of £204. Current Bank Balance is £15,712.67. As always, depreciation is a significant sum and makes the overall loss on paper, £21,189. SS signed the accounts on behalf of the Trustee Board.

RG presented a Bookings Report with copies for all to see. Some increases in bookings have been welcome, and we are pleased to see the Queen Elizabeth II Field is now being used regularly by youth football and children's fitness groups.

Jim Garrod asked if the funds were invested in interest bearing accounts. The Directors gave a brief history of the struggle to open a savings account, since first applying in August 2024. Further issues with our current bankers were also explained and SS and JG confirmed they are currently looking for a more helpful bank to use.

6. Appointment of Directors.

SS explained the procedure for appointments.

1. Andrew Blake stands down in rotation, and offers him for re-election.

All AGREED

2. Kerry Collinson steps down and does not wish to be re-appointed.

3. To appoint the nominee corporate trustee for The Thuxton & Garvestone Institute. SS proposed DL continues in this role. All AGREED.

7. Membership: There were only a few resignations in the year, and overall membership has grown. Details of members are no longer made public, and the list is held securely by the Chairman.

9. Date of next meeting. Thursday 8th October 2026 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:05 pm. Members' Open Forum - see overleaf —→

Following the formal meeting, a Member's Open Forum discussed various issues.

Meet & Eat. Those present who organise M&E asked if more help could be found, especially for washing up after the event. Tamzin Garrod offered to draft a letter to the school to see if one or two parents could be encouraged to arrive early for their child's collection and help with final clearing up. Possibilities of a better dishwasher have been investigated, but the high cost would make the most suitable machine beyond our reach.

Play Area. DL outlined the current situation of equipment that needs repair or replacement. Currently DL is working with the Parish Council who have agreed to assist with finding contractors and routing the funding through their accounts to tie in with Grant Funding, including Section 106 money that we have been told is available. DL expressed frustration at the overly bureaucratic procedure but is working to find a way of improving the facility. Currently a survey is being designed to gather opinions to support grant applications.