Minutes for the AGM: Village Hall Committee May 20th 2025

Attending: RHL, RL, THL, AH, CC, MB.

Apologies: G Murray, M Sinclair, A Milk, D Tempest, G Swindells, D Lee, E Taylor, D Baker

The Hall: 48. In attendance.

Robert: Chairman: Robert Leachman the Chair and Treasurer opened the meeting , read out the apologies and introduced the committee

Russ Lee: Vice Chair. Playing Field and specific responsibility re involvement with Stonehenge Area Board re grants

The whole committee are involved with external fund raising.

Cath Caesar: Breakfast Team

Adam Harris : Bonfire Night Imber Bus Day and Hall infrastructure

Martine Brennan: Lead in local fund raising and Hall bookings

Theresa Leachman : Hall bookings and minutes

The Committee were re- elected 10 for - with - 1 against LB

After the second Imber Bus day in August 2024, where money is raised, in the main , for community events, we were presented with a most generous donation from Lord Hendy for £3500 to improve the paths. As a result of this donation, I discussed with Russ the possibility of strengthening the V. Hall committee. Cath and Adam came on board, shortly followed by Martine, to provide cover for Theresa for Hall bookings. We soon found out that Martine has considerable experience and ideas for fundraising. We were now able to consolidate and ring fence funds within the Village Hall account.

The first priority of the new committee was to ensure the Hall was compliant re fire and building safety.

Proposal for the New Charter 2025: The proposal to adopt the new charter was withdrawn to allow residents the chance to read it. It will be published on the Tilshead website and proposed at next year's AGM.

Hall Report: The Chair asked Adam Harris to read a brief history of the Hall which was built in 1854 and used as a school with a fenced playground.

Adam: Brief report of Hall infrastructure:

Explanation of all the legal requirements for the Hall and the remediations of such:

The hall now has a Fire Risk Assessment which is legally required and all remedial actions from the assessment are now complete, including the installation of auto detection, replacing broken emergency lighting and creating a fire logbook.

We have also had all of the portable electrical appliances tested with faulty items being replaced.

The hall has had its 5 yearly Electrical Inspection Condition Report completed and a number of remedials, including the full replacement of the Distribution Board and Protection Equipment has now been completed.

In terms of future projects, we are looking to replace the Village Hall heating to an infrared system. This will not only cut our electric consumption for heating by 50%, it will also allow users to feel instant heat when turned on. We are just awaiting on some external funding to allow this project to progress. We also have scheduled some repairs to damaged roof slates above the kitchen and some much needed pointing work on some of brickwork.

<u>The Floor:</u> Q: On PAT testing **RY**

Q: Hall capacity 60 seated 110 standing. **RB**

Q: Why extra costs/charges for heating? **VB**

Q: Ceiling height? **HR**

<u>Playing Field Report</u> : Russ explained what has been done in the past year: Zip wire installed, roller shutter doors to the ISO container repaired, all playing field equipment inspected by Wicksteed and passed with flying colours. It is planned that there will be a Wicksteed inspection booked for this year 2025.

<u>Robert:</u> Finances Report:

Village Hall & Playing Field Committee Account Year End 31/10/24

Balance Brought Forward	**£15,269.00**		
Income	**£15,145.58**		
Expenditure	**£21,444.95**		
Balance @ 1/11/24	**£8,969.63**		
Income		**Expenditure**	
Hirings	**£865.00**	**Cupboards**	**£436.20**

TPC Rent	**£200.00**	**Cupboard Install**	**£275.00**
Coin Meter	**£208.00**	**Crockery**	**£379.43**
SSE Power Cut	**£180.00**	**Zip 1st**	**£9,391.96**
Imber Bus Donation	**£1,500.00**	**Zip 2nd**	**£9,391.96**
Zip Wire	**£7,110.00**	**SSE**	**£553.79**
Kitchen Refund - Plates	**£85.00**	**Loo Hire H.J. Funeral**	**£89.40**
Sum Up - Imber Bus Day	**£422.22**	**Wessex Water**	**£123.32**
Bonfire Account	**£3,022.92**	**LED Strip Lights x6**	**£216.50**
Breakfast Account	**£1,552.44**	**Grass Seed**	**£30.00**
		A&E Fire Extinguisher Service	**£44.40**
Total	**£15,145.58**	**Transfer Imber Bus Day**	**£422.22**
		Chair Expenses	**£90.77**
		Total	**£21,444.95**

Q: Why does the PC have to pay contribution towards the Hall? TJ

RL/RHL answered.

<u>Proposer for Finances:</u> Lucy Evans

<u>Seconder:</u> John Skelton

<u>Votes</u>: 14 for - 0 against

<u>Proposal for Village Hall Ground:</u> Russ introduced the main Ground proposal and mentioned the donation money from Lord Hendy for paths around the Ground. A discussion ensued over the paths and how the donation would be spent e.g. purely on path? Proposal on the Lord Hendy funding was: make repairs and alterations to the Village Hall Ground in order to make it safer and usable. This proposal was carried with an overwhelming majority voting of twenty five.

<u>Proposer:</u> Sarah Sinclair,

<u>Seconder:</u> **Aled Evans.**

<u>Russ:</u> Introduced Cath ,who presented the Ground details:

CATH: A talk and explanation of ideas to improve the Ground. She listed how this could be achieved using an overhead view of ideas/plans, and how this might encourage people to make more use of the Hall. This talk was met with applause for her clarity and thoroughness of her Presentation.

Q: What use is a metal fence? OB

Q: The fence would be hideous. GG

Q: Need two paths and Staddle Stones to be included on/in the Ground area; not taken away. JK

Q:Where is the bench going? Too hot to sit on it if by the road, in the sun. HR

Q:How are you going to level that area? HR

Q: Where is the money coming from to do this? DP

Q: Have you contacted/ spoken to the Academy re their signage re moving it? TJ

Q: Can/could the gates be 'defaulted' to stay open at all times, to encourage the Children to run through and not around the Ground, unless needing to be closed? JS

Q: The ground could be done in stages e.g. grass, drainage water, levelling. The fence could be added at a later stage. Several

Q: Church House was not canvassed to discuss fence. TJ

RUSS: then continued , following the feedback from the floor, to offer two proposals on the Ground.

The first proposal: was without a fence, but to enhance the current ground area to incorporate hard standing and make the grassed area flatter and free from flooding and made more open and usable. There was an overwhelming majority voting for no fence.

VOTE No 1 : Without fence:

Proposer: Oli Beech

Seconder Trudie James

Votes: 27 for – 11 against

The second proposal: was with a fence and that we also enhance the current ground area to incorporate hard standing and make the grassed area flatter and free from flooding, that it is fenced and made more open and usable to all.

VOTE No 2: With fence:

Proposer: Simon Bedford

Seconder: Ian Caesar

Votes: The voting was tighter with – 22 voting in favour – 18 against.

Meeting ended : 20:28

Next AGM date: March 18th 2026