

HUMSHAUGH VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023 AT 7PM

1. Welcome and Apologies – those present Diana Linnett, Dave Scott, Marie Roberts, Mick Jonas, Alex Chylak, Chris Robinson, Wendy Reed, Derek Burgess, Jenny Nohl, Jo Common, Anne Race. Apologies from Peter Woodward, Tim Taylor, Herbie Newell, Suzanne Newell and Peter Linnett.
2. Minutes of the last AGM were agreed, proposed by Mick Jonas and seconded by Alex Chylak.
3. Matters Arising – none.
4. Chair's report – DL read out a summary of the achievements and performance from the 2022 Annual Report, including trustee names and current positions. Hall use has recovered after Covid and pilates is now a permanent class, with youth club and Warmhub starting up during the year. Hire charges had to be increased in September due to our increased electricity charges, and the charger was switched off on 31 December as NCC were no longer reimbursing electricity costs. The charger is in the process of being converted to a pay as you go version. Hall facilities have been improved by fitting new front and back doors, replacing the remaining strip lighting with LEDs and the old thermostats have been replaced with SMART ones. The boundary wall between the hall and the churchyard is being repaired this week with funds provided by the Evans Trust.

HVH is a designated Emergency Centre, and we have been allocated a grant from Northern Powergrid to purchase an emergency back up generator, associated electrical connection and LPG hob. The remainder of the grant will be set aside in the short term awaiting the outcome of a Solar Energy Project feasibility survey due in March 2023, which would inform us of the costs associated with installing batteries and solar panels in an effort to reduce our energy costs and become more sustainable.

There was a Big Village Picnic to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June. HVH is also participating in a county wide Heritage Project which is researching and documenting the history and heritage of village halls, which is being led by Alan Hodgson, and the trustees are grateful to him for undertaking this task. The chair concluded by thanking all trustees for their dedication, energy and enthusiasm during a busy year.

5. Treasurer's report – DS gave a comprehensive Treasurer's Report. Receipts and Payments were explained, as was the Reserves Policy. 2022 saw a return to more normal hall usage with lettings more than double 2021. If pass through costs of Ukraine fundraising, Queen's Jubilee and Expenditure and EV charger electricity are discounted, then lettings income was greater than running costs, resulting in a positive operating income of £1875. DS wished to thank Corinne Campbell for examining the 2022 Financial Statement.
6. Election of Elected Members – remain DL, PW, MJ, TT, AC & JC
7. Election of Representative Members – DS, MR, JN, CR, WR & DB
8. Any other business – None, and the meeting concluded by 7.30pm.