

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**AYNHO VILLAGE HALL**  
**7pm - 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**Present:**

Kath Arnold	Les Horley
Phil Arnold	Carol McClellan
Alan Beaumont	Keith McClellan
David Dean	Andrew Bellamy (Chair for 2023)
Shirie Beaumont (Bookings)	Liz Hadley (Committee)
Jeremy James (Treasurer)	Jill Wightman (Committee)
Amanda Limb (Committee)	Ray Willis (Committee)
Simon Wormald (Committee)	

1. **Apologies.** There were none.
2. **Report from Previous AGM.** There was none.
3. **Matters arising.** The Chair explained the background to the change of some of the VH Committee which resulted from the last AGM held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
4. **Chair's report for 2023.** The Chair introduced the Committee and then in summary:
  - a. VH had been used well in 2023 and remains a valuable asset to the Aynho community.
  - b. Very straightforward year in which the finances held up well.
  - c. We met the challenge of the cost-of-living increases, particularly the heating costs, balanced out with the increased charges, which have since been reduced again.
  - d. The property maintenance continues well (thanks to Ray Willis in particular): Men's toilets have been replaced; emergency exit has had a ramp and rails added; gravel had been added for safety over the winter; and, the VH external signs have been replaced and look more welcoming.
  - e. Inside – we have thinned out old stores and made more working space (thanks to Simon Wormald).

f. Throughout the year – we have looked at the responsibilities of the VH Committee and have reviewed governance. We have held useful Committee meetings with a Committee which is representative of the community.

5. **Financial Report for 2023.** The Financial summary had been published and was available to Attendees. The Treasurer took the meeting through the various figures for income and expenditure. Hall rental improved by £5000 over the previous year and the expenditure was down £3000. The bank balance at year end was £29,473. Jeremy James was thanked for his work as the Treasurer.

6. **Committee for 2024.** Following no new proposals from the floor the Committee for 2024 was confirmed as:

Simon Wormald (Elected)                      Andrew Bellamy (Church rep)

Ray Willis (Elected)                              Liz Hadley (Aynho Active rep)

Shirie Beaumont (Elected)                      Amanda Limb (Gardening Club rep)

Jill Wightman (Ladies Group rep)              Helen Mackenzie (History Society rep)

(Parish Council – not represented)

Jeremy James was co-opted as Treasurer

Shirie Beaumont was re-appointed as Bookings Secretary)

7. **Charges.** The Chair explained the various changes to the charges for use of the VH which the Committee had decided during 2023. These reduced charges for Aynho residents and clubs. Carol McClellan thanked the Committee for these reductions which had helped the Bowls Club to be able to continue.

8. **Plans for VH in 2024.** The Chair explained the Committee's plans for the year ahead – to re-floor the Men's WC area, to extend the kitchen counter into the Dame Mary Cartwright Room, and to improve the room with information about her and some added village historical views/pictures.

9. **AOB.** There was none.

10. A provisional date was selected for next year's AGM as Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

There being no other matter for discussion the Meeting closed at 7.45pm