

Stock & Bradley Village Hall

Annual General Meeting Minutes (for year ending 2025)

Date: 8th April 2026 7:30pm

Location: Stock & Bradley Village Hall

1. Attendance and Apologies

- Present: Roger Pask, Keith Lawrence, (Trustees). Members of the Parish Council and members of the public
- Apologies: Nicky Dean (Trustee)

2. Trustee Confirmations

- Trustees confirmed for the next 12 months: Roger Pask, Keith Lawrence, Nicky Dean
- Proposed by Mark Warren, seconded by Chris Burdett

3. Hall Developments

- Outside paintwork improvements completed except for rear gable end.
- Introduction of "Robbie", a robot vacuum cleaner for automated cleaning
- Website improvements implemented by Keith to enhance online functionality

4. Events Summary

- Six events held during the year with patchy attendance:
 - Post-Christmas Games Night (low attendance)
 - Three "Summer Pub and Grub" events (20–30 attendees each)
 - First Live & Local gig featuring Sonrisa (27 tickets sold)
 - Autumn Quiz with Jen's Quizzes (sold out, very successful)

5. Live & Local Initiative

- Inspired by Feckenham's success with similar events
- Sonrisa event: 27 tickets sold, £14 loss
- Victor and Albert comedy night: 66 tickets sold, £300 profit
- Attracted new visitors from outside the village

6. Hall Usage Statistics

- Bookings dropped from 320 (2024) to 260 (2025)
- Emphasis on "use it or lose it" to encourage community engagement

7. Finance Report

- Main income sources:
 - Outside hall bookings and village clubs
 - Village Hall Club events: approx. £4,500
- Expenditure: just under £14,000
- Surplus: approx. £6,000
- Adjusted surplus (excluding grants and capital expenses in 2024): the surplus for 2025 is approx. £500 more than 2024
- Without the two main events and the 100 club, a loss of £674 would have occurred
- Utilities costs expected to rise, especially oil

8. 100 Club

- Thanks to Carol and Barry Newton for years of service (Carol presented with Orchid)
- Pammie Woodward took over in late 2023
- Current revenue: approx. £2,500; net value approx. £1,300
- 140 members out of 300 eligible residents
- Encouragement to increase membership for future financial support

9. Infrastructure Costs

- Recent expenditure: £1,400 on sewage treatment plant (not yet reflected in accounts)
- Emphasis on the need for increased income to support such expenses

10. Staff Changes and Acknowledgements

- Thanks to Becky for her service as booking secretary and caretaker
- Welcome to Rosemary as the new booking secretary and caretaker

11. Future Plans

- Increase 100 Club membership and event attendance
- Seek additional grants for hall improvements

- Planned improvements:
- Internal decorating
- Floor protection
- Replacement of kitchen and back doors

12. Upcoming Events

- Third Live & Local event: 30th May 2024
- Featuring singer-songwriter Hannah Bryan
- Supported by the Arts Council

13. Closing Remarks

- Thanks extended to all supporters and attendees
- Encouragement for greater community involvement in future events

Roger Pask – Chair of Trustees