

Stock & Bradley Village Hall AGM

Minutes - 2025 for 2024 year

Date: 9th April 2025 Location: Stock & Bradley Village Hall,

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Meeting opened with sound issues which were quickly resolved.
- Chair welcomed attendees and explained the format, combining AGM with Annual Parish Meeting for better attendance.
- Apologies received from Nikki Dean, who is stepping down as Secretary but remaining as a Trustee.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

- Chair acknowledged the absence of last year's AGM minutes; efforts are underway to locate them.

3. Appointment of Trustees

- Trustees for the coming year confirmed:
 - Chairman – Roger
 - Treasurer – Keith
 - Trustee – Nikki (no longer serving as Secretary)
- Proposal and seconding were offered by attendees Wendy Ralphs and Mark Warren.

4. Village Hall Updates

- Maintenance & Improvements:
 - New doors installed (ca. £12,000 total, 70% funded by Wychavon DC).
 - Internet-based locking system implemented.
 - One-way traffic system introduced for safety.
 - Building exterior repainted.
 - Storeroom reorganized and new racking installed.
 - New contracts for grass and hedge maintenance.
- Events & Activities:
 - Successful events: Tolkien Talk (65 attendees), Pub & Grub night, Autumn Quiz.
 - Antiques Roadshow 2024 cancelled (only 7 tickets sold).
 - (Wreath making 2025 and Chocolate Bingo 2025 also cancelled due to low interest).
 - Continued success of fitness classes (Zumba, Yoga, Pilates), social sessions, dog training,

and gardening club.

- Village Hall used 329 times in 2024 with over 5,000 total attendances.

5. Financial Report (Keith)

- Total Income: £21,500
- Expenditure: £27,768
- Net Surplus: £1,825
- Bank Balance: Approx. £32,000
- Major Income Sources:
 - Scottish Country Dancing and Yoga were top contributors.
 - Increase in private party hires (154% rise).
 - Events like quizzes and bar nights also contributed positively.
 - £3,000 contributed toward door installation; majority funded by grant.
- Online Enhancements:
 - Website and e-commerce upgrades have improved hall bookings and efficiency.
 - Online bookings and social media outreach have grown significantly.
 - Over 8,000 website visits in 12 months; majority of ticket sales now online.

6. Future Development

- Financial sustainability discussed; caution around high-cost upgrades.
- Identified needs:
 - Improved disabled access (current facilities outdated).
 - Potential new front entrance.
 - Future extension at rear for toilets and storage.
 - Estimated potential project costs: up to £250,000 (early-stage ideas only).
 - Development to be community-driven and grant-funded.

7. Thanks and Acknowledgements

- Appreciation extended to:
 - Keith for financial and operational efforts.
 - Becky (not present) for her ongoing contributions.
 - Carol for running the 100 Club (stepping down later this year).
- New volunteers needed for Secretary and 100 Club roles.

8. Open Forum & Close

- No formal questions.
- Thanks expressed by attendees for excellent upkeep and management of the hall.
- Meeting closed with invitation for refreshments.

Roger Pask 22/04/2025