

## **North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee**

**AGM Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Apologies:** Antony Lamb, Rachel Williamson.

**Attendees:** Dennis Blackmore (Chairman), Neil Pearce (Secretary), Wendy Border (Treasurer & Bookings), Bob Angell (Maintenance) Will Border, Jason Harper, Kip Baker, Rachel Williamson, Zehra Ebelhack, Lucy Lemon, Doreen Taylor, Colin Smith, John & Pauline Marshall-Grint, Bridget Nurse

No members of the general public were in attendance.

### **Agenda**

#### **1) Approval of previous AGM minutes held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.**

The minutes of the previous year's meeting were approved as a true record and reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

#### **2) Chairman's Report**

The Chairman read out his comprehensive annual report for the year 2024-25 (a full copy of which can be viewed on the village hall website) highlighting the previous year's significant achievements, including further improvements to the VH infrastructure, most notably the refurbishment of the wooden floor. He also remarked upon the continued success of the hall as a place to host regular hirers, events such as parties and christenings, and our regular monthly village markets and bingo evenings. The most successful event of the year was without doubt the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration which was an unqualified masterpiece of organisation by the committee, and which was appreciated by the huge crowd who attended.

The Chairman praised the continued support of the VH Committee and also others who have volunteered and helped during events and markets. Without every single person who has contributed the continued success of the hall would

not be possible. The Chairman thanked all and said he looked forward to another sterling year.

### **3) Secretary's Report**

The Secretary took the floor and read out his report. He reiterated the words of the Chairman in highlighting the continued improvements done to the VH over the previous year, but also the success of the numerous events, markets, bingo evenings and food evenings that have been hosted. All of these have helped make the VH the centre thriving hub of village life in North Wootton, which of course it was always intended to be upon its inception way back in 1937. The Secretary concluded by thanking all of the committee and friends of the hall for their hard work and dedication that has made it all possible.

### **4) Financial report**

Wendy handed out copies of the financial year's accounts which have been internally audited and submitted to the charity commission.

Income for the calendar year was reported as: £34,105 versus an expenditure of £37,012. The income included a grant for the VE Day celebration which amounted to: £3818. £705 was received in interest in the premium account, and £551 from all the supporters of 'West Norfolk Wins'.

We ended the year with £44,196 in the current account and £6,598 in the premium account, giving a total of £50,794.

Wendy reported another good year for the VH in terms of hirers and events, with the accounts in a very solid position.

Hall bookings are still very strong with regular bookings doing well. On average we are taking in £2,300 a month.

Wendy concluded by predicting that by the end of this financial year we will still be in a very strong financial position. She also thanked all of the committee members and other volunteers for all their hard work and dedication.

### **5) Events Report**

In Antony's absence the Chairman read out a statement on his behalf.

It was highlighted upon the continued growth of our monthly village market, which continues to attract new traders and visitors from further afield. There are also new traders looking to join the market in the near future.

VE Day Celebrations-A record-breaking attendance enjoyed a fitting tribute to the servicemen and woman who made so many sacrifices for our freedoms. We were lucky with superb weather, brilliant entertainment and a fantastic community atmosphere. We have received many thank-you cards, emails and social media comments.

Antony thanked all volunteers and attendees.

Finally, our cultural Indian/Turkish nights remain popular, and the Christmas Fair this year is expected to be the biggest and best yet.

A big Thank-you from Antony from all who have helped throughout the year.

## **6) Election of Officers 2025-26**

The Secretary took the floor and put forward the proposal that Dennis continue in his role as the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee for the year 2025-26. This was seconded by Kip Baker and a unanimous vote was passed in favour of the motion. Dennis agreed to continue in his role and thanked the committee.

The Chairman took the floor and put forward the motion that Neil continue in his role as Secretary. This was seconded by Kip Baker and a unanimous vote was passed in favour of the motion. Neil agreed to continue in his role and thanked the committee.

The Secretary took the floor once more and put forward the motion that Wendy continue in her role as Financial/bookings officer. This was seconded by Bob Angell and a unanimous vote was cast for Wendy to continue in this role. Wendy agreed to continue and the thanked the committee.

The Secretary put forward the motion that Antony continue in his role as Events Co-Ordinator. This was seconded by Bob Angell and a unanimous vote cast for Antony to continue in this role. In Antony's absence the Secretary will confirm with Antony that he does indeed wish to continue as Event Co-Ordinator.

The Secretary put forward the motion that Bob continue in his role as Maintenance Co-Ordinator. This was seconded by Kip Baker and a unanimous vote was cast for Bob to continue in this role. Bob confirmed he was happy to continue and thanked the committee.

All Officers were duly elected and confirmed in their positions.

### **7) Public Forum**

No members of the public were present, hence nothing was raised or discussed.

### **A.O.B**

No other matters were raised.

Meeting concluded at 19:46pm.