

**Agenda for Hilderstone Village Hall 22/23 Annual General Meeting
on Tuesday 25 April 2023 7:30pm at Hilderstone Village Hall**

1. Welcome: Tim Handley (TH) welcomed everyone to the meeting which started at 7.30 pm

Present at the Meeting: Tim Handley (TH), Sam Handley (SH), Debbie Britton (DB), Leanne Evans (LE) Sam Shaw (SS), Michael Shelley (MS), Eleanor Bane (EB), Chris Ryan (CR), Hazel Woodward (HW)

Apologies were received from Hannah Heath (HH), Andy Reiss (AR), Alison Nicolls (AN) Iain Britton (IB) Pat Gates (PG)

No apologies from Tim Dyer (TD)

2. Approval of the minutes of the 22/23 AGM

Minutes approved

3. Retirement of members of the 22/23 committee

The members of 22/23 committee formally retired.

4. Appointment of the 23/24 committee members

The three remaining organisations that founded the Village Hall were invited to send representatives to sit on the committee as per the Deed of Trust. HW, EB and PG were appointed by The Parish Council, the PCC and the WI respectively.

TH nominated IB, DB, SH, MS, SS, CR, LE, HH & AR. HW seconded

LE nominated TH and DB seconded.

5. Matters arising

No matters were raised from the last AGM minutes.

6. Treasurer's report

TH presented the Treasurer's report and his thanks to IB are recorded, noting IB's hard work recording the finances accurately and diligently reducing the running costs of the hall by negotiating good utility deals.

“Hilderstone Village Hall – Treasurers Report AGM 25th April 2023

My report is based on unaudited figures to date, but they are taken from the finance software I use in conjunction with the auditor. I have also attached a report drawn down from the software for your perusal.

Major expenditure for this year was on the following:

Car park £2,688

Kitchen repairs £1,012

General repairs £ 400

Slabbed area £ 575

As you will see from the report hirings for the year were increased to £6,835.50, which just shows how far we have come since the end of the lock downs and people are able to utilise the hall.

Hall events have also factored into, what has been a very successful year for the hall. A breakdown of cost vs sales for some of the events follows:

Burns Night Costs: £561.12 Ticket sales £1,115.00 Profit £553.88

Elvis Night Costs: £400.00 Ticket sales £459.00 Profit £59.00

Barn Dance Costs: £100.00 Ticket sales £105.00 Profit £5.00

Calendar Costs: £324.00 Sales £570.00 Profit £246.00

Some events don't show a great profit, but please remember the revenue taken through the bar and presented back to the hall via HVH Trading. Which for this year has provided the hall with £4,000 in donations.

Events such as Burns Night are an undoubted success and thanks go to Sam and Martin Shaw for organising it and not forgetting the team who help on the night to make it the success it is.

The attached report shows that we have made an overall profit of £5,859.67 for the year. This includes the profit from 100 Club Tickets, which we sold 8 this year leaving 22 still available for anyone who would like to join.

I would like to add a footnote that we received a donation from Peggy Shelley which was gratefully received. As you know Peggy was a stalwart of the hall in its early days and it was kind of her to remember us in her thoughts.

Bank Balances as of today are as follows:

Main Account: £3,373.34

100 Club: £17,750.12 “

Profit and Loss Report for HILDERSTONE VILLAGE HALL

For Period: 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

Notes

TURNOVER

4000 General Sales	£2,060.00	HVH Trading set up
4010 Hire Charges	£6,835.50	
4012 Parking Charges	£550.00	
4013 Market Rents	£376.25	
4904 Parking Donations	£8.50	
4905 Event Income	£4,313.27	
4906 Donation Received	£3,710.00	
4907 Hilderstone 100 Club Income	£4,265.00	

Total: **£22,118.52**

LESS COST OF SALES:

5000 General Purchases	-£1,544.80	
5010 Hilderstone 100 Club Winnings	-£1,995.00	
6201 Advertising	-£175.00	Notice board
6900 Miscellaneous Expenses	-£100.00	

Total: -£3,814.80

GROSS PROFIT: **£18,303.72**

LESS EXPENSES:

7102 Water Rates	-£272.20	
7200 Electricity	-£561.48	
7201 Gas	-£970.00	
7302 Licences	-£388.20	
7503 Broadband Internet and Fax	-£604.08	
7506 Hosting Fees and IT Consumables	-£51.00	
7600 Legal Fees	-£6.00	
7602 Consultancy Fees	-£28.75	
7700 Equipment Hire	-£99.60	
7800 Repairs and Renewals	-£5,544.10	Car park, Slabbing etc.
7801 Cleaning	-£2,211.15	
7851 Gardening	-£820.00	
7901 Bank Charges	-£72.00	
8201 Subscriptions	-£253.20	
8204 Insurance	-£562.29	

Total: **-£12,444.05**

Profit Before Tax: **£5,859.67**

7. Chairman's remarks

Chairman's Remarks HVH AGM 25 April 2022

"I've written this speech using ChatGPT so I can't be held responsible for some of its content.

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who has helped the hall during the past year. I'd especially like to thank Marge and John Warham for all their work. I'd like to thank the committee members for their work, ideas, enthusiasm, and commitment to this vital village asset. I'd like to thank the other officers, Iain Britton, Sam Shaw, and Tim Dyer for all their hard work. I'd like to thank Debbie Britton for being the Booking Secretary for such a long time and Hannah Heath for taking it on now. I'd like to thank Leanne Evans for taking on the 100-Club administration. We're going to lose two committee members tonight. Both Alison Nicoll and Tim Dyer are stepping down so I'd like to thank them both for their efforts. Alison was a great help with the kitchen and the markets just when we needed that help. Tim has turned his hands to most things but I think he's been responsible for the start of a tradition - The Village Calendar, which drew on resources from the VH

and Christchurch to put it together and share the profits - a great collaboration! And I'd like to thank all the people who have hired and used the hall. It has come back to life and is paying for itself at last.

So far so good?

We've spent some money over the last year:

The acoustic clouds were expensive but they work. They have transformed the ambience and removed the need to shout conversations making the hall better for users of all kinds.

We've laid the hedges, thanks to Neville Stubbs, and they're coming back with a vengeance. This has had a positive benefit for wildlife. Birds are nesting and we have our own hedgehogs.

We've improved the car park. There's a little more space and we've cured the water runoff problem that used to bother our neighbours. Thanks to Roe and Co for their work. Especially round the back where we are continuing to improve the seating area.

We finished the kitchen, finally. It might not be everybody's cup of tea but it works for us and we've garnered many compliments.

We've also raised quite a bit of money. Some events have been very successful financially - Burn's Night is the high point here. Not only great fun but a really good fundraiser for us.

I won't repeat what Iain has already said about events but we should bear in mind that some of the events only made a modest profit just above the break-even point. But that doesn't count what happens at the bar. The Barn Dance and Elvis Night took money at the bar. Not too much, but enough to make a small difference. And all these small differences add up. As Iain said, some £4,000 was donated from HVH Trading Limited to HVH. That's £4,000 we've never had before. We generated that. We staffed the bars. We sold the drinks. We provided the convivial, comfortable, welcoming venue and atmosphere. Last Sunday was the second anniversary of our first pop-up pub. 90-odd people came during one of the lockdowns. It was all outside on a beautiful spring evening. We now have a tried and tested format and we should keep it going because we welcome people of all ages across the pub evenings and people can come and go as they please, enjoy food or just a drink or two, and relax in decent, quiet surroundings. This year, we need to return to smaller, regular, more accessible events like film and entertainment nights and the committee has expressed its interest in doing that.

We learned a few things last year though. We pushed events perhaps a little too hard and we pushed some people a little too hard. This year, we need to share the load for two reasons:

1 We can't wear the same people out all the time

2 We need others to know what we each do so that when things or people change, there's always someone ready to step in.

That's worked with Leanne and Hannah. We need more of it. Do what you can but don't worry about what you can't!

I hope we also learned that we can't all agree on everything all the time but whatever the issue we're discussing, we have to bear in mind the Deed of Trust. That tells us what this hall is here for. It's not a business. It's a charity. We can be business-like but this is not, never has been, and never will be a commercial enterprise. With respect to the Deed, we have reinstated the appointed members for the organisations on the Deed of Trust. We've also changed this agenda so that it resembles what the Deed says and not what drifted into common practice over the years.

This village hall is the only asset in the civil parish that is owned by the parish residents. We don't own the pub. We don't own the church. But we do own this. Equally. It's not ruled by one user group or organised for the benefit of another. It's the only thing we all own together whether you

live in Farm View, Sharpely Heath, Barnes Croft, Sandon Road, or Dingle Lane. Use it or lose but make no mistake, there are adults and families coming here for recreation and entertainment. There are children around now who are coming here for Youth Club, pantos, and parties. That's a massive jump forward from where we were five or even ten years ago. It's their village hall, after all. That's the new audience alongside the more established groups that have been coming here since the Deed of Trust was written and the hall opened, like the Parish Council, Christchurch, and the good old WI. And I hope that there's more than one old head around this table that's thinking good, things are getting back to like they used to be."

8. Close AGM

TH closed the meeting at 20.03

9. 23/24 Officer Elections

Chairman: SH nominated TH and HW seconded

Secretary: TH nominated SS and CR seconded

Treasurer: TH nominated IB and EB seconded

10. Bar Training for 23/24