

MINUTES FROM EDGTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 24th January 2026 3pm.

PRESENT:

Peter Whapham-Horticultural Advisor, Chris Harris-Chair, Michelle Simpson-Secretary, Fiona Harding-Jones-Treasurer, Janet Cobb-Parish Clerk, Liz Begley-Hall promotions,

ALSO: Paul Harding-Jones, Jon Simpson, Kate Chitham, Mike Hutchings, Krista Hutchings, Kim Begley, Alan Roberts, Diane Harris, John Higson. Jean Brayford, Pierre Brayford, Sue Ford.

APOLOGIES:

Bob Lawson,, Gilli Coston, Clare Reynolds-Church Rep.

1. WELCOME:

Chris Harris welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

The minutes from the last AGM dated 25th January 2025 were discussed, no issues were raised therefore they were agreed and signed by Chris Harris..

2. TREASURERS REPORT:

Accounts for year ending 31st October 2025.

Total income raised: £6049.37.

Total expenditure: £3735.63

Closing balance year ending 31st October- £9304.82

Thank you to John Higson for his continued support with the Village Hall accounts.

Fiona thanked all for their contributions in fundraising.

3. HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025: (Up to October)

Quiz Nights £206.15

Jumble Sale (half proceeds) ££455.18

Carwash & Breakfasts £334.67.

Summer BBQ £314.

Film Nights £240

Italian Night £912

Edgton Apple Day £235.14

Pub Nights £118.

Halloween Party £60.

Keep Fit £390

Bowls Club £266.50

Pickle Ball £632.

4. PLANS FOR 2026

Grant applications.

Broadband.

Decorate the hall.

New Curtains.

Grounds Maintenance.

VH notice board.

Invite other VHs to come and play pickle ball.

5. APPOINTMENTS:

Peter Whapham will remain Vice Chair & take on Horticultural Advisor role.

Michelle Simpson will remain Secretary.

Bob Lawson will remain as a trustee

Janet Cobb to remain Parish Clerk Rep.

Chris Harris will remain as Chairperson.

Fiona Harding-Jones will remain as Treasurer

Liz Begley will remain as Hall Promotions.

No other suggestions put forward.

All the committee were thanked for all their handwork in keeping the VH running.

5. RESIGNATIONS:

Gilli Coston, Alice O'Brian.

6. THANK YOU'S:

Sue Ford for her continued support in hiring the hall for keep fit

Jon Simpson & The bowls team for their support in hiring the hall.

All involved with the Jumble sale especially Pierre & Jean for their plant donations.

Jon Simpson for Maintenance.

Liz & Kim Begley for the Italian Night.

Fiona & Paul Harding-Jones for the summer BBQ.

Diane Harris & Kate Chitham for running the bar at the quiz nights.

Pickle Ball teams.

7. QUESTION'S

Paul Harding-Jones-Asked what plans we have for 2026. CH explained about grant applications, decorating the hall and new curtains.

Mike Hitchings-asked regarding the solar panel application, how much will the hall benefit? CH explained it will cover the costs within 4-5 years bringing in a regular income for the VH.

Jon Simpson suggested a steel shed to be erected outside so items from the storage room can be stored in there freeing up much needed space in the storeroom. Price needed.

Kim Begley bought up the Lack of Broadband CH explained the difficulty in getting broadband as we have no address and no fibre.

Alan Roberts bought up the front gate needing attention, FHJ volunteered to help with he sanding and painting of the gate in the summer.

Kitchen & Foyer lights need changing to LED.

Liz Begley thanked all involved for helping with tree damage caused by the last storm.

8. NEXT MEETING (FUNDRAISING BRAIN STORMING)

1st February 10.30am

Chris Harris to chair.

Refreshment's will be provided.

Everyone welcome to share ideas.

Chris thanked everyone for coming, it was a well attended meeting.

Meeting closed at 16.15.

Tea, coffee and cake were enjoyed by all.