

**Helperby Village Hall CIO**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 30<sup>h</sup> April 2025 at**  
**Helperby Village Hall**

Present: Peter Mitchell (Chairman), Frances Shepherdson, John King, Aubrey Ambrose, Mike Shepherdson, Alex Robertson, Steve Wood, John Messenger

Apologies: Pam Jackson Vickers (Member & Parish Council Rep - outgoing), Emily Ferguson (New Trustee)

**1 Chairman's welcome**

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The chairman took the meeting through the highlights of the previous 12 months, which include replacement of the majority of lights within the hall with a more energy efficient LED type, external painting of the hall and, following a successful grant application, the installation of additional solar panels and batteries which will improve the halls energy usage efficiency whilst also reducing the carbon footprint by increasing the ability to use green energy. He Thanked AR and the team involved. The chairman highlighted the notable success of a major event, ' Crazy Bingo' run by the trustees which was not only a major fundraiser but was very well supported by the village and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It is planned to run again in 2026. He commented that the halls finances had continued to be well managed and despite an increase in hire charges at the beginning of 2024 support from users had remained strong and saw an increase revenue with the finances remaining stable and the five-year plan was being maintained. He thanked FS for her support as treasurer over the past 4 years, FS will resign at this meeting and be succeeded by John Messenger as treasurer. He then went on to thank the volunteer gardening team, 'halls angels 'team' and trustees for their continued support throughout 2024.

1.2 As no members were present for questions the chairman moved the meeting to the formal business review.

**2 Minutes of last meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

**3 Membership of CIO**

3.1 MS reported that membership of the CIO remained at twenty-seven (including 8 trustees who are also members)

**4 Annual Report and Accounts for 2024**

4.1 FS Presented The trustees' annual report and financial statement, which had been independently examined, to the meeting which was taken as read and accepted following clarification questions. from PJV and AR. FS wished the trustees well and formally handed over the treasurer role to JM.

4.2 FS said that the final accounts would be forwarded to us for signature when the accountants were in receipt of the minutes of the AGM. Once this is complete MS will update the Charity Commission as required.

**5 Retirement of trustees**

5.1 MS advised the meeting that no charity trustees were required to retire by rotation (longest in office since their last appointment) as Frances Shepherdson and Nigel Costello had retired as trustees since the last AGM.

**6 Election of trustees**

6.1 It was agreed to appoint Emily Ferguson and John Messenger as trustees.

**7 Events Planned for 2025**

7.1 The meeting discussed events for 2025 which are, currently, the annual village barbeque, to be held on in August (date tbc). The meeting also discussed the possibility of holding a further music event later in the year and to hold a further Crazy Bingo event in February 2026. It was agreed to discuss further at a future trustee meeting.

**8 Date of next AGM**

8.1 Wednesday 29 April 2026 at 7:00pm.