

Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust  
AGM 19th May 2025 at 8.00pm

Present: Jonathan Birch –Chairman  
Karen Coningsby - Secretary  
Claire Hale, Steve Argent  
Gabby Van Poortvliet, Peter Haselden (8.13)  
Holding trustee: Terry Allison

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies from Marine Boulter, Lee Ginger and Steve Coningsby

3. **Chairs Report**

This current Chairs report will reflect the last 8 months of activity for Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust (WVHRGT, the Trust).

We have had no resignations or additions to the management committee in the past twelve months.

The current Management Committee consists of:

6 elected members  
3 appointed members  
and may include not more than  
3 co-opted members

We do now have one vacancy on the Management Committee, which I propose we will advertise post the AGM.

The Trustees also agreed to Vest with the Official Custodian, as was identified within the original Deed. Work to complete this is still ongoing. There will be a focus on changing this in the next six months.

We completed the installation of solar panels and storage battery at the start of March 2025. This was facilitated by the successful awarding of a grant for the majority of the work from Thales Waste Management fund. The solar panels and battery will not only help in with the operating costs of the Village Hall but also mean that the Village Hall will be running the majority of the time on green energy.

From a usage perspective of the Village Hall, this has remained stable over the last twelve months. The regular groups are:

- Knit and Natter
- Table Tennis
- Coffee Morning
- Royston Model Railway Club
- South Cambs Dog Training Club
- Yoga
- Pilates
- Royston Motorcycle Club
- Demented Cats

On top of this there have been several bookings for parties and hire of the recreation ground for a caravan club.

Whitsun was once again celebrated in the village and the hall played host to the Folk evening' much dancing and merriment ensued.

This summer has also saw the third Whaddon Village Fete, held on Saturday July 13th. It was a great afternoon which was well attended including many people from outside of the village. The feedback has been extremely positive. The Management Committee would like thank everyone that organised, helped on the day, or attended the event. The Trust are in receipt of a very generous donation from profits that were split between The Trust and St Mary's Church.

We also ran three film nights, a race night and a quiz. All of which were well received and raise money for the Trust.

Following our Annual Rospa Inspection, the hall has had remedial work carried out to the playground and its equipment. There is further work to be undertaken. When this is complete this should see all equipment in a healthy state for the future. We do however need to consider the age of the play equipment and remain mindful of repair costs moving forward. As a Trust we need to consider possibly the addition or replacement of equipment/outside gym, in the future.

From a maintenance of the Village Hall perspective there are a number of activities in progress, these are:

- Insurance claim for the south east corner of the Village Hall, which has some significant cracks
- Painting of the Village Hall interior, which will be undertaken over the next few months
- Replacement of the Veranda roof, which is rotten

We are truly grateful to Jonathan Burgess, our village handyman, who continues to provide a great service for the hall and recreation ground undertaking remedial work for both the playground equipment and the Village Hall.

As a Management Committee we continue to ensure our policies and procedures are up to date and members of the team have been on seminars run by Cambridge ACRE including Safe Guarding.

As Chair, I would finally like to give thanks to all of the Management Committee, for all of their hard work and dedication to our community. The work behind the scenes is not insubstantial and comes along with its own weight of responsibility, so I am very grateful to all that give their time, energy and dedication.

4. **Resignation of Trustees and the re-elections**

All Trustees are willing to stand again.

All have filled in Trustee forms except Steve Coningsby & Marnie Boulter which they will receive an email from Karen Coningsby asking for the form to be filled in and returned to her.

5. **Treasurer's report**

£15,989 revenue

£25,121 Expenditure

£9,131 Excess

Solar Panels - £6,448

Church Fete our share £8,487

Other Lettings £12,268

£38,324 cash up to end of March

£30,000 real cash

Playground money has been incorporated into the account.

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6. **Declaration changes/Trust change**

No declaration changes

7. **Hire Charges**

No changes to hire fees. We will not have a commercial rate.

8. **Elections of officers**

Chairman – Jonathan Birch

Vice-Chairman – Peter Haselden

Secretary – Karen Coningsby

Treasurer & Vice Chairman – Peter Haselden

All agreed unanimously to the office held.

St Mary's has agreed to Karen Coningsby to be their appointed representative. Parish Council have agreed verbally to Jonathan Birch being their appointed representative.

Meeting closed at 8.37pm