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| **Member** | **Position** | **Inits** |
| Peter Gieler | Acting Chair / Trustee | PG |
| Jasper McGuire | Acting Secretary | JM |
| Roland Wales | Treasurer | RW |
| Angus Idle | Residents Association | AI |
| Andrew Flint | HAGA | AF |
| Bev Beveridge | Climate Group | BB |
| Bob Cook | Grounds | BC |
| David Hilling | Resident | DH |
| Diana Gibbons | Valley Players / Trustee | DG |
| Graeme Card | Trustee | GC |
| Graham Hall | Football Club | GH |
| Louise Jones | Shop Rep | LJ |
| Lisa Thyer-Jones | Resident / Play Park | LTJ |
| Natalie Wilson-Jones | Booking Secretary | NWJ |
| Paul Cooper | Art Group | PC |
| Richard Adams | Resident / Tech | RA |
| Sam Morris | Trustee | SM |
| Steve Smith | Trustee | SS |

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| **Item** | **Minutes** |
| Welcome | * Opened by PG at 8pm
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| Apologies | * LTJ, SM, RA, LJ
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| Record of minutes from the last Committee meeting | * Drama Group Lights: Surname of Andrew Bitman should be Pitman
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| Car park donators plaque | * PG to work with BC to create the plaque – agree to get the plaque done
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| AGM | * The Committee agreed that the date of the AGM will be Monday January 13th 2025
* RW will continue to be our treasurer
* Jasper will put himself forward as secretary
* BB was asked by PG if he would step up into the role as Chair. It was acknowledged that nobody can compare to MS’s skills and experience
* A Chair role needs support from the committee and the Whatsapp group will help.
* JM asked if there is a way to have a vice chair in the role of but no chair? Not really.
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| Village Hall finances and fund raising | * We spent a lot of money this year with no fundraising
* Our current income covers what we have to maintain and can’t do anything beyond that.
* Christmas Fete brings in about £900, and Village Day in the region of £2000 - £4000
* BC suggested asked if we produce a budget? No, we build up reserve and spend that.
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| Increase in rent to Village Shop | * Raising the Shop’s rent will help cover increases in running costs, bills and utilities.
* It won’t move the dial in terms of overall profit of the Village Hall
* PG proposed an increase of £25, seconded by SS - Approved by the Committee
* **Action: RW to write to the shop**
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| Increase in charges to hall users | * Not put them up for some time, and the costs of the hall from all hire covers basic costs and nothing else
* Committee agreed that regular user charges to go up by 5% (rounded up to 50p)
* Committee agreed that casual user charges to go up by 7.5% (rounded up to 50p)
* Approved by the Committee
* **Action: Roland to calculate the new prices and share with the Committee**
* We must schedule a review terms & conditions of hall usage.
* **Action: NWJ may be have done this already and can feed back to the Committee**
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| Princes Risborough Rotary Club donation for the playground | * JM followed up with the Princes Risborough Rotary Club and we received £2,000 donation towards the playground - They have requested a plaque to acknowledge this
* Plaque, including the Rotary Club logo, to be placed at the back of the hall near the playground
* Suggest and official opening once the plaque is put up
* **Action: PG to work with BC on creating this**
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| Health & Safety follow up items | * Follow-up from the report are progressing but slowly
* Discussed the requirement to clean/replace the stage curtains (see later)
* The current H&S officer is considering retiring, which means won’t be pay for IOSH certification costs
* If the Committee request she continues to perform assessments for them then she would for a contribution to the cost
* **Action: BB to ask wife for estimated costs**
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| Village Hall Christmas bazar | * Confirmed this is not going ahead due to lack of support
* Final confirmation was that the scheduled date has already been booked by another group.
* JM posited that this could further lower our reputation after also cancelling Village Day, and wants to work with RA to create a FaceBook post for help with Village Hall events
* It was discussed that we should get representation from regular users of the hall
* SS asked if we could get local schools to support or run the bazaar – no, as they would take a cut of the profit
* **Action: JM to book next year’s with LWJ**
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| Christmas Tree lights | * Confirmed that the Shop Christmas event will be on the 8th of Dec supported by the Shop Choir
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| Stage Curtain cleaning / replacement | * Discussed that we have the option to clear or replace the curtains
* BB has received no quotes as yet from requests for cost of new curtains
* A decision can be made when quotes are known.
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| Drama Group lights | * These are to be upgraded on 18th November – Drama Group have agreed to pay the costs
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| Waste Service Provider | * Had Grundon in to discuss quality of service and costs
* Cost to empty bin lowered from £21.60 to £16.50
* The shop will receive a refund for recent missed bin collections, and we will no longer pay where a scheduled bin not been emptied
* We have to understand where the refunds should end up as charges are shared equally between the hall and the shop. All extra bins collected are charged to the hall.
* Looking at a Fell bin (the size of 6 current bins) which has a fixed cost for collection once a fortnight.
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| Site Signage (including for car park barrier) | * BC and PG to meet and discuss sign requirements and design.
* A request by the Conservation Group is that we have Dog Poo signed
* BC also requested Litter signs due to people using the Car Park for lunch
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| Chairman’s / Trustees’ report | * It was agreed between present Trustees that they need to meet
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| Secretary’s report | * JM communicated with the Princes Risborough Rotary Club regarding the donation
* **Action: BB to write and send a letter of thanks to them**
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| Treasurer’s report | * See Treasurer’s Report in the Addendum of this document
* Annual accounts need to be done by July to submit to the Charities Commission.
* JM agreed with RW to hold back finalising them until spring so that accounts can be reconciled.
* We are close to the threshold for VAT registration – it’s a cliff edge threshold, so we may need external VAT advice
* 2023 boiler cost being chased by creditors, however BB sent RW information to pay directly
* Invoice approval keeps timing out due to emails not being received by authorisors. RW will ping the Whatsapp group as well, assuming emails are not being received.
* **Action: RW to get in touch with the bank to see if they can do anything**
* **Action: RW to remove MS from authorisors**
* Hire of car park spaces by Build-a-Base has never been raised.
* **Action: BB to contact Build-a-Base to up the hire of 5 from £55 a month to £100 a month**
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| Booking Secretary’s report | * Not available this month
* BC mentioned that the key boxes have been changed to allow unlocking if the combination has been changed
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| Grounds report | * GH: All groundwork has now been completed and we will continue to take care of the left side grass maintenance. Also, a communication to be sent to Away teams to consider their parking and not cause unnecessary distress
* BC is intermittently closing the barrier to discourage unwanted night time users
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| Playground | * Waiting for the supplier to change the baby swing – no cost for this
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| Drama Group | * Panto is 5-7 Dec – Aice in Cuckoo Land
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| Consrvation Group | * Hope to see improvements of recent work in the coming weeks
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| HAGA | * Going on as per schedule
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| Art | * Exhibition went well, 460 people come through the doors
* Photography group was pleased with the footfall from the art exhibition
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| Residents Association | * Flooding in valley road again
* Talking about a picnic afternoon/evening late in the summer on King George the V field, they will ask for support by the Village Hall
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| Next Meeting | * 2nd December 2024 @ 8:00
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| Meeting Closure | * Meeting closed at 9:45 by PG
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# Addendum

*Embedded documents may require full Microsoft Word to open them.*

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