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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 | * 8pm by PG
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| Apologies | * LTJ, NWJ, AF, BC, GH, RW, GC, SK, SS
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| Record of minutes from the last Committee meeting | * Accepted
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| AGM | * Need to publicise this on local social media and posters
* Diana will organise food
* **Action: JM** to create an advertisement based on previous year’s
* **Action: JM** to request reports from Chair, Treasurer, etc.
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| Environmental damage email | * Received a complaint from Ian Christmas regarding local conservation efforts by the Conservation group
* Possibility of an information board describing local works to be discussed by PG and BB
* **Action: BB** to draft a response that the complaint is noted and that HVCG are following an agreed long term plan
* **Action: JM** (as Secretary) to send once it has been reviewed
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| Jazz | * We have been contacted by a group called Jazz in the Village, who put on events in local halls
* The committee agree it will be good to respond and invite them to play here
* They manage their logistics and set up the hall
* They are happy with half-ticket-sales or a hall hire cost
* Matters have been missed due to lack of visibility of dates
* **Action: RA** to create a committee calendar to help with events like these
* To be discussed at the next Committee meeting
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| Village Shop Lease | * LJ questioned the raised that was agreed in the last Committee meeting because in 2022 the shop’s rent went from £80 to £200 (250%)
* It’s meant to be a “pepper corn” rate, but at 11% the raise is double other hirers cost increases.
* Unlike other hirers the shop pays its own utility bills, but the village hall costs have gone up and this needs to be covered
* The shop suffered a loss due for £4K due to the car park resurfacing.
* As there was no shop representative at that meeting the increase February meeting the Committee will confirm the increase in shop rent
* LJ affirmed that the purpose of the shop is for the benefit of the community
* Even though it is a commercial business, it is not a profitmaking business. The show does have to remain viable after paying for utilities, bins, insurance, compliance, salaries
* The cost of these things comes out of the hire cost for other groups who use the facilities
* Users use the Village Hall because of the shop, e.g. the dance classes
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| Hirers Increases | * **Action: NLJ** to introduce the new village hall costs as set out by RW from January
* **Action: BB** to discuss with RW the increase for the Build-a-Base car park spaces
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| PR Rotary Club play park plaque | * PRRT will design and pay for their plaque
* **Action: GC** to give an update
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| H&S | * Emergency lights do not stay on for 3 hours
* **Action: BC** is to phone Harvey Electrical to find out if they are under warranty
* Yellow limiting lines to be laid down in the loft
* New curtains would cost £12,500, so the Committee agreed to go with the “clean and spray” as approx. £2,500
* The Committee will come back to this in 2 years, and look for assistance, e.g. local business or HPC
* BC and PG looked at signs costage and they will be put up in the new year
* Drama group lights work is completed
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| H&S Officer | * The cost to retain Pat as our H&S officer would be £2,000 a year (£1,500 is the insurance)
* Pat knows us and gives is a some leeway to get things done, and outside officer may not be so understanding
* **Action: BB** to get outside company for costs of an audit to compare with this
* Even so, we have to be prepared for succession
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| Christmas Lights | * The company responsible for the Christmas lights have told us that they are not able to put Christmas lights on the tree.
* In any case, the Christmas Shop event would not take place under the chosen tree due to the safety of the location in the car park
* This needs to be taken into consideration for next year on top of the report that was shared earlier this year
* Lights around the building roof will be switched on at the Choir event on 8 December 2024
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| Chairman’s / Trustees’ report | * Trustees will meet before the AGM
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| Secretary’s report | * Focus has been setting up the event with LJ for the Shop Christmas event
* JM has confirmed that the VH Bazaar is booked in for the last Saturday of November 2025
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| Treasurer’s report | * *See attachment in the Appendix*
* We must discuss at the next meeting that Castle Water would like to charge via invoices rather than water meter readings
* Sam still not getting emails – RW may have removed him from the approvers list
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| Booking Secretary’s report | * *See attachment in the Appendix*
* Committee agreed we need to propose and pass a resolution at the AGM that the deposit will be withheld if hall is not left as found requiring extra work to reset
* **Action: RA** to figure out how much people are charged vs deposit
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| Grounds report | * The committee shared praise of the work that BC completes
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| Technology report | * *See attachment in the Appendix*
* Q: Do we have a policy for CCTV? Yes we do, this was shared by JM with interested paries
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| Succession planning | * We need plans for the various roles held by older members of the committee, e.g. RA, Treasurer, not to replace, but to come along side and support
* Strengthening our committee by inviting/mandating that local groups should have send a representative to the committee
* **Action: PG** to raise this with local groups at the AGM
* It was noted that users of the village hall are no longer just local groups
* RA proposed possibility of Trustees chairing the meetings rota system
* This can be decided the next meeting after the election of the officers at the AGM in February
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| Family summer day | * The Residents Association have made contact with SM regarding a summer family event to take place on Sunday 10th of August 2025
* Both halls have already been booked for the event, demonstrating commitment
* They request a contribution of £500 towards this from VHC
* **Action: JM** to circulate the email
* The committee agreed that they should not be charged for the halls, which would be about the equivalent of £500
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| DG | * The microwave in the small hall is broken – looking to get a replacement
* Panto is starting at the end of this week
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| LJ | * Shop Christmas event is taking place on Sunday 8 December, where the shop choir are singing
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| BB | * The school has asked if the committee would agree to have the hall as a safe refuge if there is a monumental disaster
* The committee agreed and proposed that the website is to be updated
* **Action: BB** to confirm with the school
* Conservation group has 2 new people
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| Village Hall AGM | * Monday 13 January 2025 @ 7:30 in the Small Hall
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| Next Meeting | * Monday 3 February 2025 @ 8:00 in the Committee Room
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| Meeting Closure | * Meeting closed at 9:45 by PG
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# Addendum

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