

Campsea Ashe Village (Victory) Hall AGM 2025

Monday June 16th 7pm

Minutes

1. Welcome

TS opened the meeting at 7.05 and introduced the committee to attendees, welcoming them for their attendance

2. Apologies received from Jess Ellis, Klaus Fortmann (from committee) and of those invited Vernon Blackmore, Glenys Fear, Tim also gave apologies.

Present Todd Strehlow, Kate Hayward, Richard Fernley (from committee) plus Felicity Gillott, Rosamund Webb, Emily Nightingale, John and Yvonne Rose

3. To approve minutes of last AGM 16/10/23

Minutes were distributed and it was agreed they were an accurate account of the meeting. Any matters arising would be covered by this agenda

Proposed by RF; seconded by KH

4. Chairman's Report

Todd to add

5. Secretary's Report

Kate to add

6. Treasurer's Report

RF explained the attached accounts particularly picking out the increased expenditure resulting from the work on planning re Hall Renovation accounting for differences in previous years. Lack of grants has meant income has fallen and it was agreed this needed to be researched to cover further planning costs (even before full scale fund raising if it is decided to proceed).

The accounts were accepted subject to auditing. RF would pass them on to KF for auditing and then update the Charity Commission website (required by January 2026).

7. Election of Officers

The Officers were re-elected unanimously

Todd Strehlow Chair

Kate Hayward Secretary and Bookings

Richard Fernley Treasurer

All remain as Trustees

8. Election of other Committee Members

Klaus Fortmann and Jessica Ellis were re-elected onto the Committee
Felicity Gillott and Emily Nightingale both said they were willing to join the committee and were unanimously elected (and thanked for joining).

9. To consider PC becoming Sole Trustee of Village Hall

RF explained that discussions were ongoing with the PC about this proposal and outlined the benefits – mainly in terms of longevity of the charity status with potential lack of trustees in the future. There are also possible benefits re reclaiming VAT. It was also pointed out that this outcome was in line with the constitution if it ever arose there were insufficient trustees.

It was agreed that RF would continue working towards this with the PC clerk KF.
Any developments would be brought back to the committee for a decision.

10. To consider changes to hiring charges

It was stated that CA Village Hall was still cheap in comparison to other similar venues but this was considered commensurate with facilities presently offered. It was recommended by KH that charges should remain the same and considered by the committee during the course of the next year, particularly heating. This was agreed unanimously.

11. Report on progress of plans for Village Hall Renovation

TS gave details of the approach over the last year in terms of using previous village surveys etc and appointing an engineer's survey. Using this and other information a brief was provided to potential architects who were then interviewed. The architects chose (EDRM) after various meetings provided 3 differing plans.

1. simple renovation of existing building to include larger kitchen and more storage,
2. 1 plus a new build extension – this would involve removing toilets and store room to provide addition parking behind the Hall
3. Complete rebuild

(summaries of these are available inside the Hall with a smaller format on the outside window).

Details of the process was given, costs to date and estimated costings of each project. All would require significant fundraising even to proceed with planning. Before the architects can proceed a decision has to be made re which option to proceed with. The committees' favoured option was No. 2.

Other village groups/businesses/interest groups had be contacted to get a wider context of the needs of the village

RW requested that the reference to Station House Café on the plans on the should be removed as it was inaccurate. TS said he would contact EDRM to address this issue.

12. To consider next actions re Village Hall Renovation

A discussion followed re the need for a business plan and possible fundraising ventures. Positive comments were made on other developments in the Village and the need to be ambitious. Many valuable comments were made for e.g. the importance of providing permanent storage to attract regular bookings such as craft groups, requirement to improve the website and use social media more efficiently for marketing.

It was decided that the whole process needs to be more formalised with regular meetings inviting interested parties at times. A sub-committee could be formed eventually to meet more often. It was proposed and agreed that the first such meeting will be on Monday June 30th at 7pm in the Village Hall.

13. To consider updating Village Hall policies (last updated in 2020)

It was agreed that this should be done over the course of the next year to be formally adopted at the next AGM. RF and TS agreed to lead this.

14. AOB

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 8.55

RF