

## **Watchfield Village Hall Annual General Meeting, Monday, 20 October 2025**

**Present:** Keith Whitting, Kevin Watts, Margaret Whitting, Sheelagh Vickery, Jane Watts, Maureen Phillips and Marg Cornish.

Apologies from Philip George and Helen George.

1. Chairman's Report: Good Afternoon everyone and welcome to our Annual General Meeting of Watchfield Village Hall.

The words "Steady as she goes" come to mind as I write this years' Report. We move slowly but surely toward our goal of a new hall with small but significant progress made.

We have had a successful year, hirings have been steady considering the limitations the hall presents. Bingo, as always, is the mainstay, but a successful Soup and Pudding lunch and Harvest Supper have boosted finances. We reintroduced the Flower Show two years ago after a break of a couple of years. Given the weather conditions this year it all went well. It was well supported with entries and on the day. A small profit was made, a successful event for the local community.

In conclusion we must thank everyone for their support over the year, whether as a Trustee, a committee member, or someone who has come along and supported the events mentioned. Each and every one are essential in keeping the Hall going.

2. Financial Report. The Trustees had all read the Audited Accounts which show the Hall is in a sound financial state. The Trustees agreed that the Accounts should be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer. A copy of the accounts is attached to these Minutes.

As the funds we have invested mature we have realised the Interest made and reinvested in Fixed Term Deposits. The New Watchfield Hall account is invested with the Commercial branch of Lloyds Bank as it is a fairly large sum, £100,000. The Deposit Account Fixed Term is also invested with Lloyds and have recently matured and been reinvested.

We continue to experience problems with the billing of the electricity supply. SSE our energy suppliers can no longer read the Smart meter we have had installed, so a meter reading has to be sent to them after each month end.

All the Trustees stood down from their positions as new Proposed and Seconded people were named.

Chairman – Keith Whitting, Proposed- Kevin Watts Seconded – Sheelagh Vickery

Vice- Chairman Kevin Watts Proposed – Keith Whitting- Seconded – Sheelagh Vickery

Treasurer – Maureen Phillips Proposed – Margaret Whitting Seconded – Kevin Watts

All the Charity Trustees agreed to remain for a further year.

### **Annual Key Check –**

Keith and Margaret Whitting

Kevin & Jane Watts

Marg Cornish

Lesley Wall

Philip George

Maureen Phillips – 3 Keys

**Total 8 Keys.**

Keith and Margaret have been responsible for the bookings but as they have moved and no longer have a landline there was a discussion about a telephone number for booking that could be advertised on the Hall noticeboard and on the website. It was decided that Sheelagh would purchase a simple mobile telephone that could be used as Pay As You Go and would also accept and send text messages. Margaret will hold this phone for use with bookings.

Marg told everyone that there would be a Prize Bingo evening on Friday, 21 November. It will start at 6.30pm for Eyes Down at 7.00pm. All family members and children are welcome. The Christmas Bingo evening will be on Wednesday, 10 December this is for Adults only.

Maureen had attended the Annual Conference of Community Council of Somerset. This organisation has recently changed its name and rebranded as THRIVE.

It was an informative day with various speakers: a lady, Louise Beaton has produced a book about the history of Village Halls. Louise spoke at the Conference and said that our local halls and community centres have always been important meeting

and gathering places for the communities, big and small. She said they were as relevant today as they were when village and towns built them over 100 years ago.

A copy of the book is available for anyone who would like to read it.

Robert Horn and Katherine Armstrong, who have helped us put together a business Plan have both left the Community Council and Maureen met Stephen Grice, who is taking their place. She spoke to Stephen at the conference, and he suggested that we ask the younger members of our community what their opinion was of the Village Hall and how they would like to see and to use a new Village Hall. He thought their opinions would be an extra addition supporting the Business Plan.

We shall ask some of the younger members of our community to join in this conversation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45pm.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

		2025	2024
	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at Bank			
Current	13,286	13,728	
Deposit	8,874	13,422	
New Account	26,145	22,503	
Fixed Deposit	115,000	110,000	
	<u>163,305</u>	<u>159,653</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accruals	(100)	(100)	
	<u>(100)</u>	<u>(100)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>163,205</u>	<u>159,553</u>
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>			
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>			
Balance as at 1 September 2024		159,553	145,751
Surplus of income over expenditure		3,652	13,802
		<u>163,205</u>	<u>159,553</u>

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<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Hall</b>		
Lettings	810	1,121
Events Income	2,208	2,097
Entry & Flyers	521	560
Raffle	809	803
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Interest received	4,051	3,417
Grants & Donations	200	9,183
Sundry income	158	-
	<u>4,409</u>	<u>12,600</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>8,757</u></u>	<u><u>17,181</u></u>

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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Hall</b>			
Insurance	763	801	
Electricity	2,746	512	
Water	89	82	
Repairs & Renewals	134	90	
Housekeeping	240	320	
Gardening	170	280	
		4,142	2,085
<b>General</b>			
Miscellaneous	-	907	
Accountancy and audit	100	100	
Admin	110	110	
Event Expenses	699	177	
Bank charges	54	-	
		963	1,294
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>5,105</u>	<u>3,379</u>