HOLTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

1. The Chair, Mel Ault was unable to attend the meeting, so Dave Holmes kindly stood in and welcomed everyone.

   Present from the committee were Sonja Barter, David Holmes, Suzanne Holmes, Andy Murray, Dominque Smith

   Villagers present were; Brian Dobson

2. Apologies for absence: JP Farrow, Mel Ault, Clive Ganczarski

3. Approval of the Minutes AGM 9th May 2024 – these had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were read out at the meeting by Sue Holmes and had Full approval (proposed by Dominique Smith and seconded by Andy Murray) The minutes were signed by Dave Holmes (acting Chairperson)

4. Matters arising from the Minutes 2024– Brian Dobson asked about whether the Victoria Reading Room funds had been used yet. Sonja Barter confirmed that the money was still in the Village Hall account.(see later no. 8)

5. Election of Charity Trustees and Committee Members for 2025-2026.

   Each member was named, proposed, seconded and a unanimous show of hands was received for each one.

   Trustees known to be willing to continue in role were;

Sonja Barter	proposed by Dave Holmes, seconded by Dominique Smith
David Holmes	proposed by Sonja Barter, seconded by Sue Holmes
Suzanne Holmes	proposed by Dave Holmes, seconded by Sonja Barter
Dominique Smith	proposed by Dave Holmes ,seconded by Sue Holmes
Mel Ault	proposed by Dave Holmes, seconded by Dominique Smith
Clive Ganczarski	proposed by Sue Holmes, seconded by Dave Holmes

   In the absence of apologies from Clare Wright it is not known if she wishes to continue as a Committee member. If she is willing to continue, she can be co -opted at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

Up to 5 Trustees are to be co-opted at the first meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee after the AGM.

Andy Murray (Parish Council representative) – to be confirmed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

6. Trustees Annual Hall Report
   This was prepared by Mel Ault and read by the acting chair, Dave Holmes on behalf of the committee.

7. Treasurer's Report
   The Treasurer, Sonja Barter, had circulated the audited accounts. All present had copies of Income and Expenditure, Analysis of Repairs and Cash Flow Summary.
   Sonja confirmed the amounts in each account and the breakdown of the Reserves policy.

The Current A/C balance and Deposit A/C balance together give the Total available amount of £27,093.43 at the end of Dec 2024.

This gives us £15,000 for our 'Reserve' funds

£6,000 for 6 months estimated running costs

£9,000 for any unexpected / ongoing costs

With £12k for other expenses that arise.

Sonja stated that we are currently covering our costs with the income from Hall hire being sufficient to cover expected running costs.

Andy Murray asked about the reduction of Telephone & Broadband costs from over £800 to zero. Sonja explained that we now have free Broadband for 3 years after having the new high speed fibre broadband installed in October 2023. The telephone in the Hall has been removed and a dedicated Village Hall mobile phone is used instead. This costs £6 per month from Giff Gaff (claimed under Bookings secretary expenses)

8. Victoria Reading Room Report
   This charity account has now been closed (August 2024) and the money £3176.32 has been transferred to the Village Hall account.
   The Victoria Reading Room has been removed from the central register of the Public Register of Charities.
   The amount will be used for the upkeep of the Village Hall which would be in keeping with the original intention of the fund.

. Matters arising from the Minutes and any other business.

Brian Dobson asked about the installation of Electric Vehicle charging points. Dave Holmes explained that this may well be a possibility for the future which could be implemented as part of the 'Solar panel installation project' which is currently under discussion & consideration.

Brian Dobson thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Dave Holmes thanked all the Trustees and the "Friends" of the Hall for all their hard work & support and special thanks to JP Farrow who is standing down as a trustee and member of the committee.

Robert Barter sent apologies for non-attendance at the Hall AGM and a presentation was made to Dave Holmes in appreciation for his 4-year role as Booking Secretary and Sue Holmes for her involvement as booking secretary and continued role as secretary/treasurer.

The meeting concluded at 8.05pm

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