

YARPOLE PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2026

MINUTES

Attendees (Committee): Amanda Hordern (AH), David Rackham (DR), Janet Owen (JO), Lynn Ashton (LA), Joan Waters (JW), Tony Kinsey (TK), Julia Marshall (JM)

Attendees (Public): John Nurse, Norman Taylor

1. Welcome

2. Apologies: Jeremy Gray, Alison Williams

3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 10th June 2025:

- The Minutes of the 2025 AGM were approved by the committee as a true and accurate representation.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2025 AGM:

- No matters arising. AH stated that she had duly published the Minutes on the Yarpole village website.

5. Chair's Report:

- In her capacity as Chair of the committee, AH read out her report at the meeting. Copy attached. No further questions. AH will publish her report on the Yarpole village website. **Action: AH**

6. Treasurer's Report:

- In the absence of the Treasurer, DR read out JG's report at the meeting and projected a Powerpoint presentation of the final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2026 in chart form, enabling a comparison between the results of 2024/25 and 2025/26. Both the report and a copy of the chart are attached.
- In summary:
 - Income has fallen this last year and expenditure has risen.
 - £11,524 (Income) - £10,601 (Expenditure) = £923 (Profit)

- The profit in 2024/25 was £3,003, so this year's profit is considerably lower.
- Hiring the hall continues to be the most significant source of income, although it was slightly down this year. The hire charges have been increased by £1 an hour. The meeting discussed how to attract more lettings for the hall to local associations and/or private events. It was noted that the hall competes with St. Leonard's Church in that respect. A query was raised as to whether a liaison group existed between the Parish Hall and St. Leonards in order to share booking information, success rates, etc...

Action: AH to contact Gordon Ewing to follow up

- The 200 Club continues to be successful, but the number of new members is falling.
- Closing cash funds = approx. £23,000 (current and deposit accounts).
- The committee accepted the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2026.

7. Election of Committee members:

- Chair: AH (Proposed by LA, Seconded by TK)
- Treasurer: JG (Proposed by AH, Seconded by DR)
- Secretary: JM (Proposed by AH, Seconded by LA)
- TK, LA and AW are happy to continue as committee members. JW said that she will step down from the committee but will continue to help as a volunteer.
- In the last year, 4 committee members have stepped down and one new member has joined. AH stated that there is an urgent need to encourage local people to join the committee in order to share the workload.

8. AOB:

- LA noted that the stage in the main hall was badly designed and not very useful. She asked whether it could be adapted to improve access on and off, for change of performers / costume changes, etc... DR said that this issue had been investigated in the past but that the cost was too high (approx. £40k).
- No other business was discussed.