

Chetnole Village Hall

Management Committee

Annual General Meeting

Monday 20th May 2024 at 7:00 pm

Chetnole Village Hall

Present from the committee

Gwen Adair [GA] (chairman)
Aly Kozowyk [AK] (treasurer)
Jeff Shipp [JS] (secretary)
John Head [JH]
Jim Aldhouse [JA]
Blair Sibun [BS]
Barbara Wallace [BW]
Andrew Wellstead [AW]

Apologies from the Committee

Paul Hodgkinson [PH]

Apologies from the Villagers

Janet & Ian Wood

Present from the village

Jackie Sibun, Ruth Sanford, Mary Head, Ruth Rose, Chrissie Russell,
Michelle Wellstead, Bob Owen, Geoff De Metz, James Troup, Anne Andrewartha,
Sue Woodford, Karen Howell, Tracey Haider.

Minutes from the previous meeting

The Chair reviewed the previous meeting minutes.

Matters arising from the Minutes

1. Website comments

It was requested that it be made possible to post comments relating to events on the website. This has been investigated. The conclusion was that the website is not designed to support comments. Although not impossible to do it would require significant design effort to achieve. It may be looked at in the future.

2. Internet connection and WiFi at the hall.

Wifi facility now available at the hall.

3. King Charles III portrait

The official portrait is now hanging in the hall. It was supplied for free by the Parish Council from a government scheme. Ruth Sanford, who had offered to purchase this in memory of her late husband John, will be given the opportunity to have something else at the hall in John's memory.

4. Electric vehicle charging

The village hall cannot afford to install an EV charging point without a significant subsidy from (local) government.

Chairman's Report

The report from The Chairman is included in Appendix 1 – Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report and accounts for the year ending 31st of December 2023

The report and audited accounts are included in Appendix 2 – Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported financial matters as healthy. Refer to the appendix for the full report.

The audited accounts report was distributed and questions were invited from the floor.

The charge for hiring the hall will remain at £7.50 per hour.

Village Hall WiFi

As previously mentioned, the village hall WiFi is working well, and based upon the response of village hall users it is widely used.

The WiFi system was implemented using a mobile broadband router rather than an ADSL (wired) broadband router, which many will be familiar with in their own homes. The village hall does not require the performance Internet Service Providers (ISPs) achieve via this type of router. Instead, a mobile broadband router, whose running costs is roughly 50% of this, is more than capable of satisfying the village hall's WiFi needs.

Charity Evening – In Jacob's Name

Jacob, a young child that lives locally, suffers from Lissencephaly, also known as smooth brain syndrome. The purpose of the charity evening is to raise funds for Julia's House, a local children's hospice, which will benefit Jacob and other children cared for by Julia's House.

Jim Aldhouse is leading the effort to put on the charity event at the village hall on Saturday 8th June. It will feature our amazing local talent.

Preparations for the event are going well, and tickets (as of 20th May) have nearly sold out.

Election of the Management Committee

The chairman reported that there were no changes to committee members.

A vote of thanks was given for all the work committee members had carried out during the year.

Committee members and attendees were asked to vote for the continuation of the current committee members for the following year.

Anne Andrewartha proposed and Ruth Sanford seconded the committee members to be re-elected.

Open Forum

The main points covered were:

1. Village hall's electricity consumption

A large outgoing for the village hall is its electricity bill. Two major ways were outlined to reduce the hall's electricity consumption:

- Immersion heater
The committee is currently looking into a potential replacement using on demand water heaters, and will report back in due course.
- Solar power
Solar power is an option for the village hall, which may reduce its running costs. Feasibility will depend on being able to secure a grant from government. With change of government likely fairly soon (*at the time*) it is worth waiting to see what will be on offer.

2. Hirers

Our £7.50 per hour hiring charge is very competitive in our area, and will remain at that level for the coming year.

3. Grants

Potential sources of grants were discussed.

- Dorset community grants.
Recently launched. Worth looking into.
- Railway CRP and CCIFs grants.
The CRP (Community Rail Partnership) for the Frome to Weymouth railway, for which the relevant Partnership is South Wessex Community Rail Partnership CIC, has a remit to support the communities surrounding their railway. Recipients can take the form of community bodies that can show in some way a connection with the railway community.

Some of the funds provided are distributed through CCIFs (Customer and Communities Investment Funds). The main source of the funds is the train operating company, GWR. It is also possible to apply directly for funding through CCIFs.

This year's funds are currently in the disbursement process, so any requests for funding would relate to next year. While there has to be some railways connection, a bit of innovative thinking appears to be permitted.

Many thanks to Bob Owen, who raised this, and provided further information. Bob is the chairman of the CRP concerned, the South Wessex Community Rail Partnership CIC.

4. Hall audio system

The committee is looking into replacing our rather old PA system with a modern one, possibly using Bluetooth technology. It will report back in due course.

Users such as the quiz nights, bingo, and some club meetings such as the gardening club, and our own events would benefit from a good PA system. However, it is unlikely that touring bands would use our PA system, as they generally bring their own gear.

5. Hall video system

Now the hall has a functioning WiFi it was suggested that TV events such as football Cup finals, Grand National, Strictly Come Dancing final, etc could be displayed on a big screen at the hall. *Also, the Parish Council and some clubs that meet at the hall could make use of the same facility.*

It is certainly possible to install a video system using an existing screen that can be set up on stage, a suitable video projector, and a computing element to provide the video content. Currently, the hall does not possess a video projector, or indeed the computing element. Ideally, the video projector would be mounted suspended from the ceiling in front of the stage. However, given the height of the ceiling and its underlying structure it may not be practical to do so without a (rather out of keeping) gantry structure. Further investigation is necessary.

Also, there are probably issues relating to copyright that will prevent us from displaying anything from live TV or BBC iPlayer etc. Again, further

investigation is required.

Finally, to help assess the practicality of staging a video event, it may be advantageous to hire or lease video equipment.


6. It was appreciated that the AGM was attended by representatives of the Parish Council, namely James Troup and Geoff De Metz.

Any Other Business

None.

A meeting date for the next AGM will be advised.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.


19th May 2025

Appendix 1 – Chairman's Report

Welcome and thank you for coming along on this lovely evening.

Most importantly I would like to start by thanking everyone on the Committee for all their hard work ensuring that this Hall continues to thrive. It is a true team effort, most of which happens out of sight and often unrecognised. Your Committee give up a huge amount of their time to support the running of the Hall. Everybody on the Committee pulls their weight.

They are all a pleasure to work with and I am very grateful for all they do. I am a very lucky Chair to have such a great team. Please put your hands together to show your appreciation.

It has been a good year for the Hall.

For example, we now have WIFI in the Hall, which I know was something that many villagers wanted. Thanks to Jeff for sorting that out.

We had a successful ArtsReach season, and we are proud to be part of this excellent organisation. ArtsReach is one of the most active Arts groups in the country and allows us to host some fantastic, varied and sometimes challenging artists.

We also varied some of the styles of music not only to continue our Jazz Cafes but also to build our Music Cafes. Jim and Paul did an excellent job in putting together our Spring 24 season. We are very pleased to be working with Maria to have pre-show meals available.

We strive to keep the Hall "modern"; WIFI, card payments at events and online booking but still retain the charm of the Hall.

I know we have had other suggestions such as a TV licence so events can be shown live. We do consider each one on their merits and even if it is not immediately implemented, we keep a note of them, on the back burner. Often it is a case of use versus cost.

We are also looking at ways of making the Hall as energy efficient as possible, and we will be looking at the stage lighting to see if we can upgrade those too.

We are very grateful to the Fete & Flower Show, the Coffee Morning ladies and the Parish Council for their ongoing support and donations.

Please, once again, show your appreciation of the committee members for all their hard work.

Appendix 2 – Treasurer's Report

Chetnole Village Hall

2023 YEAR

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have prepared our accounts this year, as our usual accountant at Norris and Fisher informed us that there is no need to employ an accountant for our level of income and expenditure. Very many thanks to Mal Prodger for looking everything over to make sure that I am on track.

This year's accounts show the Village Hall's reserves opening at a total of £18,148 and closing at £15,270 – a decrease of £2,878. Our total income for the year was £8,136 compared with £8,733 in 2022, and our expenditure was £11,165 compared to previous year's £6,131 – you will see that this is partly due to electricity bill increases, but we also bought a new fridge and cooker and upgraded the emergency lighting. We also had £126 in petty cash at the end of 2023.

We are happy with our current state of affairs but bills do continue to rise, especially electricity. We have decided for now to keep our hourly charges unchanged at £7.50 per hour for any hirer, any time. This is great value compared with some other halls, but part of our mandate is to provide a space for the village to use, and we are pleased to be able to continue to offer the hall for hire at an affordable rate for all.

In 2023 we made a profit of approximately £1,470 from 8 events such as Artsreach and Jazz Cafe and a quiz night. These events continue to be very popular and worthwhile. Hiring of the hall brought in £2,903 compared to £1,472 in 2022. We also benefitted from some grants for which we are very grateful – thanks especially to Flower Show, Parish Council and Coffee Morning, and to those villagers who donate yearly.

All the books are available, in case anyone wishes to review them or ask any questions.

Aly Kozowyk

2023 Accounts

Chetnole Village Hall Income and Expenditure account For the year ended 31st December 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Hire of hall	2903	1472	Cleaning	1472	1555
Events	3566	3686	Electricity	3080	829
Donations	1087	864	Water	240	157
Grants	581	2667	Insurance ¹	1297	589
Miscellaneous	0	44	Licenses	405	342
Total Income	<u>£8,136</u>	<u>£8,733</u>	General maintenance	296	121
			Hall refurbishment/repairs	2068	261
			Events catering	1260	897
			Artsreach	492	931
			Printing, postage & stationery	0	8
			Advertising & web	205	187
			Donations	26	0
			Miscellaneous	105	35
			Accountancy (2022)	220	220
			Total expenses	<u>£11,165</u>	<u>£6,131</u>

¹ includes insurance for 2024 year of £637

FUNDS RECONCILIATION

Bank current account

Balance at 1st January 2023	8,058
Income for the year	<u>8,136</u>
	16,194
Expenditure for the year	<u>(11,165)</u>
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>£ 5,029</u>

Bank deposit account

Balance at 1st January 2023	10,029
Interest	<u>87</u>
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>£ 10,116</u>

Cash account

Balance at 1st January 2023	62
Sundry income received	70
From bank	
Expenditure	<u>(6)</u>
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>£ 126</u>

SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND

Balance at 1st January 2023	18,148
Income for the year	8,136
Net petty cash movement	64
Interest	<u>87</u>
	26,434
Expenditure for the year	<u>(11,165)</u>
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>£ 15,270</u>

Represented by:

Current account balance	5,029
Deposit account balance	10,116
Cash in hand	<u>126</u>
	<u>£ 15,270</u>

These Income and Expenditure accounts for the period ending 31st December 2023 were prepared from the Bank Statements, books and records kept by the Treasurer and are in accordance therewith.

Signed & dated


Treasurer



22.2.24

I have looked at the above mentioned accounts for the period ending 31st December 2023 and confirm they are in accordance with the Bank Statements and books kept by the Treasurer.

Signed & dated



25/02/2024