

Minutes of AGM held on Friday 26th June 2026 at 7.00pm in Creeting St. Mary Village Hall

Present: Mrs J. Mayell (Chair); Mrs J. Davis (Secretary); Mr W. Barnes (Treasurer); Mr M. Dorrell (Trustee); Mr P. Cobbold (Trustee); Mrs M. Broodryk (Trustee); Mrs G. Clint (Attendee); Ms T. Roper (Attendee)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr A. Maclean (Trustee); Mr A. Pallant (Trustee)

2. **Minutes of the AGM held on 26th June 2025:** Agreed and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:** Nil

4. **Chairman's Report:** On File.

Mrs Mayell reported that the hall was still being used for regular events as well as individual bookings. More maintenance had to be carried out this year, especially the repair to the front outside guttering. Two grants were received, one from the Parish Council towards insurance and a Locality Grant from Councillor Lawrence which enabled us to buy replacement trestle tables. Additionally a number of further improvements are in the pipeline which could amount in excess of £60k. A new PA system and screen had been fitted by the Social Club with joint funding by this Committee. Many events to celebrate the Village Hall's 100th Anniversary had been planned by the Social Club. Two of the Management Committee's long serving members had retired. The Chair thanked Chris Bingley and Glynis Clint for their valuable contribution to the Hall and local community over the years. Thanks were also given to the current Trustees and other helpers for their continued support and hard work that makes the Village Hall an integral part of the community.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** On File.

Mr Barnes reported that it had been another successful financial year for the Village Hall with income from lettings on a similar par from last year. Other income was down slightly mainly due to lower interest income which is largely a reflection of reduced cash balances. After investing £30,000 in making improvements to the Hall last year, mainly in relation to the Lounge refurbishment, we have again invested £8,000 in further improvements. With good income and some grant support we have been able to report only a small cash deficit despite this further significant investment. As a result, cash balances at the year end are only slightly down on last year. Our cash resources of nearly £41,000 allow us to continue to plan further improvements to the Hall in the periods ahead. The Committee is grateful to Mid-Suffolk District Council for the locality grant support for our new tables and to the Parish Council for their increased contribution to our insurance costs.

He thanked Tawu Chipato for taking on the independent review of the accounts and making a careful scrutiny of the finances.

Marie proposed, seconded by Peter and all agreed acceptance of the accounts.

6. **Election:**

Nomination of User Group Representatives. It was noted that a representative from the W.I. was no longer needed due to the demise of the local W.I. For the remaining two Groups the following agreed to continue as representatives on this Committee: Parish Council: Mrs M. Broodryk, and representing the Social Club: Mr A. Pallant.

7. **Election of Village Hall Committee Members:**

Mrs J. Mayell and Mr W. Barnes both had all served three years and stood down. Proposed by Juliet and seconded by Mark, all agreed that they be re-elected to continue their roles on the Committee. William and Marie proposed and seconded the election onto the Committee of Ms Trilley Roper. Mrs G. Clint and Mrs C. Bingley would no longer continue as trustees on the committee and had stood down.

8. **A.O.B.**

William asked that we reconfirm our thanks to Mark Euston for his contribution to the guttering work at the village hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.18pm.