Ferring Village Hall
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday the 5th May 2026 at 7pm

Present:
Trustees: Simon Cornish (Chairman), John Gough (Secretary), Betty McCann (Treasurer), Lesley Young (Bookings), Debbie Dilks, Carole Fordyce, Nigel Bubloz, Andy Player.

Public attendees:
Roger Elkins (Ferring Parish Council; Arun District Council; West Sussex County Council)
Brian Rolfe (Chair Ferring Gardening Club)
Jim Gray (Ferring Garden Club)
Mark Turner (Arun District Council)

Apologies:
Trustee: Tori Monroe
Public: Ruth Arnold (Ferring Parish Council) Sue Pratt (Chair Ferring Retirement Club), Jane Crathern (Independent Examiner), Bernie Griffin, Christine Elkins (regular hirer), Jacqui Swindells (Beehive Care Group)

Welcome:
The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He confirmed that this AGM Agenda, the 2025 Minutes and the accounts had been available to view on our website in advance of the meeting.

Minutes of the 2025 AGM:
The Minutes of the 2025 AGM were taken as read, approved by those who had been present, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:
There were no matters arising.,

Chairman's report:
'Moving now to my report for the past year. The growth in both hire income and occupancy rates that we saw in 2023 and 2024 has been maintained and improved upon in 2025. 2026 so far looks as though it will continue that stable trend.
Our total income for the year 2025 was down a bit on 2024 due to a lower level of donations than in 2024. If you remember, 2024 saw a number of donations received – mainly for the new wall. Our hire income in 2025 was just under £50,000 and our running costs have remained stable. Our "surplus" for the year stands at about £14,000, which will go into improvements for this year.
We lost the regular weekly Bridge Club hire during 2025, but have attracted several new hirers, mainly for exercise and well-being classes, so our hire income remains stable. At the end of the month, we are hosting an Open Day Expo to showcase our hirers, and the activities and classes they offer.
During 2025, we have made a few improvements to the hall.
The main entrance toilets have been refurbished (thanks to a donation from Ferring Retirement Club), and we continue our quest to get rid of the bright orange paintwork around the place. In addition, the stage roof has been insulated, and new flooring laid in the Club Room.
Our focus for 2026 is the refurbishment of the Griffin Room, and the main corridor. Orders have been placed, and the work will start at the end of July.
Several smaller improvements will be made in terms of new flooring in some areas, and electrical improvements in the Club Room.

This year the Village Hall Trustees will be holding craft markets in the summer and at Christmas.
We are also one of the village organisations that host the regular monthly SASPI (Sunday Afternoon Social Pop-In) events at the Glebelands Centre. We will be hosting these events on 7th June, and 6th December.
I would lastly like to pay tribute to my fellow trustees. Without them giving their time, this community resource wouldn't be able to operate.
Are there any questions?
Simon Cornish – Chairman
There were no questions.

Presentation of the accounts:

The Chairman presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025. He confirmed that the accounts had been independently examined and approved by the Trustees.
There were no questions.

Chairman

Simon Cornish (proposed by Mark Turner and seconded by Jim Gray) was re-elected as Chairman and a Trustee by unanimous vote.

Secretary

John Gough, (proposed by Brian Rolf and seconded by Mark Turner) was elected as Secretary and re-elected as a Trustee by unanimous vote.

Treasurer

Betty McCann (proposed by Roger Elkins and seconded by Mark Turner) was re-elected as Treasurer and a Trustee by unanimous vote.

Trustee elections

There had been no changes to the Board of Trustees in the past year.

Trustees for re-election

Nigel Bubloz, Keith Cockram, Debbie Dilks, Carole Fordyce, Tori Monroe, Andy Player and Lesley Young (proposed by Mark Turner and seconded by Brian Rolf) were re-elected *en bloc* as Trustees by unanimous vote.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Jane Crathern had confirmed her willingness to continue as our Independent Examiner. The Chairman explained that the appointment of the Independent Examiner could only be confirmed by a vote of the Trustees present. They confirmed her continuing appointment unanimously.

Any other business:

Mark Turner thanked the Chair and the Trustees for all the effort that they put into successfully running the hall.
Jim Gray asked if sound could be passed from the main hall into other rooms. This will be looked at as part of the 2027 projects.
The plastic on the notice boards will be replaced soon.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.14pm

The next Meeting will be on Tuesday the 4th May 2027 at 7pm