

PRISTON VILLAGE HALL

Draft Minutes of the A.G.M

Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 7.30pm

Committee present: Peter Brookes (Chairman), Lissa Carter (Vice-Chairman), James Franklin-Adams (Treasurer), Sue Copperman, George Haines, Guy Davies, Fiona Hassard, Jane Harvey, Maggie Rideout (Secretary)

Apologies: Richard Bottle

1. Minutes from the last AGM and Matters Arising

The minutes of the 2025 AGM were approved and there were no matters arising.

2. Chairman's Report

The Saturday cafe continues to be a popular and welcoming event and the committee ran a successful Social in February and Games and BBQ event in May. The committee also supported the music festival and church fund-raising events. Hall and car park lettings were up on 2024.

The hall facilities have been improved by the audio system combined with the hearing loop and the addition of stage side-curtains. The wiring around the current stage lights has been tidied and further changes to the stage lights will be considered by Lissa and Owain. A Good Friday working party cleaned the walls and ceilings in the toilets and porch and refreshed the hall and porch paint. The kitchen sash window has been repaired and a broken window in the hall replaced. Another working party will be arranged in the spring.

Events planned for 2026 include the Social, Games and BBQ, photo competition to replace the hall pictures and the showing of international rugby and football matches. We are fortunate that we do have the funds to continue to cover necessary repairs and to improve the hall and its facilities.

The Chairman thanked the committee for their work throughout the year.

3. Treasurer's Report

We have a satisfactory financial situation with approximately £38,000 cash fund which is a reduction of £2,700 over 2024 but we have improved the hall facilities with a £4,000 audio system. Receipts from the Social, Summer Party and hall lettings were up on 2024. The new saving account has raised £873 in interest so has been worth all the work taken to set it up. James confirmed to Jane that we do not have to pay tax on this interest as we are a charity.

Guy questioned the running cost increase over last year. James confirmed the wiring checks required during the year were expensive but will not be needed again for a few years.

It was agreed that the spare set of meter keys for the hall heaters will be held by Maggie rather than Peter but James retains responsibility for emptying the meter coin boxes.

A spare set of keys to the hall has been placed in a key box outside the hall at the request of the Parish Council. The committee was told the key code so that any of them can access the hall if they don't already hold a key.

Jocelyn Nichols, the Independent Examiner, has signed off the annual accounts as did the committee.

4. Election of Officers

All the current officers of the committee have agreed to continue with their roles. They were proposed and seconded by the committee members.

5. AOB

There was no further business for the AGM.