

Onibury Village Hall AGM

Monday 31 March 2025

7pm

The Apple Tree, Onibury, SY7 9AW

Agenda

1. Declaration of interests

- Jan declared that the cleaner is her daughter

2. Trustees, attendance and apologies

Attendance:

- Janet (Jan) Giles – Chair
- Lisa Owen – Treasurer
- Sara Pearce – Secretary
- Maxine Rounds
- Nastasha Miles
- Mark Bollom
- Caroline Bywater

Apologies

- Paul/ Harv Holmes
- Andy Bevan
- Shirley Jones

3. Outstanding actions from previous meetings and approval of the minutes of the previous AGM

- None

4 & 5. Chair's Report

- Jan gave an overview of the charity's work over the last year, key successes, challenges and risks, and next year's plans.
- Annexed to these minutes (below).

6. Annual Accounts

- Business (savings) £ [REDACTED]
- Community account: £ [REDACTED]
- Fees were increased by £1 per hour
- Changed electricity supplier
- New smart meter being fitted
- Electricity costs will rise
- Waste agreement with council has gone up
- Lisa provided an overview of the income/ expenditure

- The accounts will be audited by chartered accountant Trevor Saxton (Saxton Associates Limited)

7. Retirement of committee members

- As per the governing document, all committee members stepped down.

8. Election of committee members

- Janet Giles – Chair and bookings (proposed by Sara, Tasha seconded)
- Lisa Owen – Treasurer (proposed by Jan, Caroline seconded)
- Sara Pearce – Secretary (proposed by Jan, Max seconded)
- Maxine Rounds – communications (proposed by Jan, Caroline seconded)
- Nastasha Miles (proposed by Jan, Caroline seconded)
- Caroline Bywater (proposed by Jan, Lisa seconded)

New committee members:

- Rachel Bollom (proposed by Jan, seconded by Sara)
- Shirley Jones (proposed by Jan, seconded by Sara – by proxy)

9. Any Other Business (AOB)

- None
- Mark Bollom thanked the new committee on behalf of the Parish Council and community

Chair's Report for the Annual General Meeting

Onibury Village Hall

Date: Monday 31st March 2025 @ The Apple Tree, Onibury

Welcome, Trustees, Committee Members, Guests and Village Group representative's
It is with great pleasure that I present this report for the past year on behalf of the Trustees & Committee members of Onibury Village Hall. As we reflect on the past year, we can be proud of the achievements we've made together as a team, as well as the challenges we've worked hard to overcome.

1. Overview and Purpose

The mission of the Village Hall has always been to serve as a focal point for our community, providing a space where people can come together to celebrate, learn, and connect. This year, despite the ongoing challenges brought on by the wider economic situation, we have maintained the Hall's role in our village life.

2. Building Maintenance and Improvements

In the past year, we have made significant strides in maintaining and improving the facilities at the Hall:

- **Refurbishment/ Repairs:** The major roof works at the rear of the hall are now completed by our builder, internal plastering has also been completed in the stage area, we are also in the process of much-needed refurbishment of the hall chairs and curtains not only so that they will look fantastic but also to comply with fire safety regulations. Painting will take place both inside and outside of the hall to complete our refurbishment when time allows in the coming months. We will also be installing a new carpet on the stage to finish off this area.
- This work was essential to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for events and activities.
- **Upgrades:** The EICR check (on all electrical wiring within the hall) has now been completed, so that we can comply with Health & Safety regulations. Our emergency lighting has been checked and upgraded in places.
- We have had new spotlights installed in the main hall so that we can also offer low lighting for events.
- **Repairs:** The Kitchen hatch doors have very kindly been upcycled. (Thank you Sam!)

3. Events and Activities

This year saw a variety of events hosted at the Village Hall, catering to all ages and interests. These included:

- **Regular Weekly Classes:** Yoga, Pilates, and Line Dancing have been well-attended and remain vital to the community's health and well-being and the hall's sustainability.
- **Village Hall organised Fund-raising events:** Our very popular quiz night was a great success back in October as was the 80's disco in March both of which were a fun way for locals to come together.

- **Regular Social Events:** Monthly Bingo is well supported as are the bi-weekly Country & Western Dances.
- **Other Events:** The hall has been used for a variety of events over the past year including the Craft Fayre, Family gatherings, Christening's, Sales, Birthday Parties, Anniversaries, Celebration of life events and Little Lambs playgroup to name a few.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those on our committee who helped organise and support these fundraising events – your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

4. Finances

The Village Hall's financial position remains stable. However, we also recognize that maintaining the hall and funding future improvements requires ongoing effort.

- **Income:** Our regular bookings and fundraising events have helped maintain the Hall's finances.
- **Expenditure:** See Treasurers report

We are grateful for the support of everyone who has donated, either financially or through volunteering their time. This support is essential to the sustainability of the Village Hall. Also, a special mention to The National Lottery who helped with our 'Raise the Roof' campaign by approving our grant request.

5. Volunteers

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have given their time to help run events, maintain the hall, and support the committee. Without your tireless efforts, we would not be able to function at the level we do. We continue to encourage anyone who is interested in helping to come forward – every little bit makes a big difference.

6. Future Plans

Looking ahead, we have a few plans for the Village Hall in the coming year:

- **Community Engagement:** We aim to host more fundraising events that the local community can get involved with including a Dance, Disco, another Quiz and a 100 Club.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:** We will continue to explore options for improving energy efficiency within the building to reduce our environmental impact and ongoing costs.
- **Further Improvements:** We are going to fit a radiator in the kitchen, this area is very cold. We would like to enhance the area near the cleaning cupboard in the kitchen to make storage of cleaning equipment easier. Also we will be painting almost all areas in the hall not just the areas involved with roof renovations.

7. Conclusion

It has been a very difficult but successful year for the Village Hall, and we can all be proud of the role it continues to play in our community. As we move forward, we will remain focused on providing a space for everyone, whether for recreation, learning, or socialising.



I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all our members, volunteers, and supporters and to the wider members of our community, your contributions truly make a difference. I look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and community spirit.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Jan Giles

Chair, Onibury Village Hall