

Lindridge Parish Hall Committee Annual General Meeting

May 6th 2025 7 p.m.

1 Present and Introductions:

Present: Richard Rainbird Hitchings (Current Chair) Julia Cooper (Current Secretary) Pauline Briggs (Current Vice Chair) Michael Harley, Sheila Benbow, Nick Benbow (Finance Officer), Sheridan Chaffey, Margaret Chaffey, Julia Gordon, Polly Gillespie, Elizabeth Dove, Martyn Holloway, Hywel Williams, Gilean Humphreys, Julia Gordon and Gillian Hazeldine.

2. Apologies: none

3. Minutes Of The 2024 AGM: These were approved by all present and signed by the chairman Richard Rainbird Hitchings.

4. Matters arising: none

5. Trustees Report: this was read to the meeting by Richard Rainbird Hitchings. (see appendix one).

6. Treasurers Report: this was outlined to the meeting by finance officer Nicholas Benbow (see Appendix 2) the chair thanked Mr Benbow for his hard work and dedication to the hall during the year.

7. Election Of Management Committee For 2025

At this point Richard Rainbow Hitchings resigned from the committee but all other members current members were re elected. In addition 4 new members were Co opted and welcomed to the committee: Polly Gillespie; Julia Gordon; Margaret Chaffey and Sheridan Chaffey.

8. Any Other Business: a verbal report from Nicola Burt regarding youth club activities was relayed by the chair who reported that an average of 12 to 14 children are attending and benefiting greatly from the opportunity to get together every Friday evening.

Toddler group: Sharon Saunders reported via RRH that the group is continuing to go from strength to strength and is very well attended. Both Nicola Burt and Sharon Saunders were thanked in their absence for the hard work and dedication that they put into serving the children of the community.

Food bank: Sheila Benbow reported that the majority of food is being distributed via Lindridge Primary School, with a small amount being placed in the food bank immediately outside the hall. In addition, a six food parcels have been distributed to families in the village at each school holiday time. Sheila was thanked for her hard work in running the food bank.

M. Harley reported that the Mid Week Coffee Breaks are very well attended with an average of 17 to 18 attendees each month, often these are people who live alone and greatly value the opportunity to have company. Thanks were expressed to both Kate and Mike Harley for their continued hard work.

Church representation on the management committee: Pauline Briggs will contact Revd. David Morris to make him aware that the church is entitled to have a representative member on the management committee.

There being no questions from the public the meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m.

The date of the next AGM will be May 12th 2026 at 7:00 PM

At the end of the meeting Richard Rainbird Hitchens was thanked for all the immense enthusiasm and hard work that he's brought to the committee during the years in which he's been a member and during the past 12 months when he served as a very efficient chairman. He has been instrumental in setting up and running a very successful youth club which is a great asset to the village.