

Asby Village Hall Committee

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting to be Held at 8pm on 18th March 2026

in Great Asby Village Hall

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Present: Jane Close, Kay Dorset, Andy Dorset, Graham Parkin, Steve Alderson
No members of the public attended.

Item 1. Apologies: Geoff Johnson, Karen Royle , Gina Aston

Item 2. Minutes of the AGM held on 26th March 2025: The Chair asked if anyone had any changes to make to the minutes. The secretary confirmed that no changes had been requested prior to the meeting and the minutes were duly approved.

Item 3. Matters Arising: No matters arising from last years AGM

Item 4. Chairman's Report: The Chair thanked those present for attending. She reported that it had been a year to be proud of with good progress on making improvements and that the financials were in a good position. She gave special thanks to constitution working group; very special thanks to Graham Parkin for all his efforts to secure grant funding; and very very special thanks to Elizabeth Parkin for her 10 years service as Treasurer.

Item 5. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that the insulation was fully completed in the previous fiscal year, and thanks to grants, only required £2k to be drawn from reserves. As expected, there had been a reduction in income during the hall closure for the insulation work to be carried out. Despite that the year finished only £1k down. A trustee asked when heating oil was last filled, given the rising prices due to war in Iran. Another trustee confirmed the price had increased to 119 pence per litre. The committee agreed to keep an eye on the price of heating oil during the year, as well as the tank level, to decide the optimum time to refill.

Item 6. Village Group Reports:

The Village Group Representatives present were invited to give a brief report on their experience using the hall this year.

School: GP reported that the school is aware of its duty to clean the hall, although there is no agreed schedule in place for how frequently the hall will be cleaned. The committee agreed there was no need for the school to clean after every use, but

certain activities and certain times of year do leave sometimes mean the main hall floor is left dirty. The Chair suggested that children walk to the hall in outdoor shoes and only put on indoor PE shoes once just inside the hall. This would reduce muddy shoe marks, and dried mud from shoes dropping on to the floor. GP agreed to take this idea back to the school. The committee further discussed that there would certainly be a need for the school to clean after an event such as learning exhibitions and school plays. GP confirmed the school cleaned the hall thoroughly after the learning event. No issues to report from the school.

PCC: KR not present to give a report. The treasurer informed that the PCC hadn't used the hall in the past year, although it held the hall in reserve in case of bad weather during some of their outside events.

Cinema: GA not present to give a report. Andy Dorset as treasurer of the cinema team gave input in her place. He shared that NT Live has transformed the fortunes of the cinema, with different charging system to cinema that doesn't require a licence so that the fixed costs are lower. Also NT Live insist on a higher price per ticket. These factors combine to mean that the NT Live profits are covering the cinema losses and overall the cinema is breaking even. This year the team has purchased a new AVR and speakers to improve sound quality. More people welcome are welcome. Another trustee remarked that following the insulation project blankets are no longer needed. No issues to report from the cinema team.

History Group: GP shared that external speakers continue to admire the hall. He also remarked that during the last meeting, people took coats off, thanks to improved insulation.

Parish Council: AD shared that PC used the hall half a dozen time a year with no issues to report.

Other frequent users of the hall but without representation were also discussed as follows:

Table Tennis: Numbers are up to 6-8. No issues with the hall. The current leader of table tennis continues to be happy with the £2 per person charge but leadership is transitioning and the new leader may wish to return to the £10/hr rate. The Treasurer confirmed they can choose either method as they wish.

Keep Fit: This class runs twice a week with 2-6 people and uses the newly purchased village hall lap top. No issues to report.

Monday Evening Circuits class: Nobody present could give any update.

Tree Group: Nobody present could give any update.

Post Office: No longer in the hall, instead using in a dedicated van parked outside.

Drop-in Cafe: Well attended and now a regular monthly event.

Alms Houses: The Treasurer added that the Alms Houses Trustees hold meetings twice a year. The Secretary will check with the Booking Secretary if they received a request to complete a booking form.

Item 7. Election of Managing Trustees: The Secretary confirmed that, with the exception of Elizabeth Parkin, all of the current Managing Trustees had indicated that they were willing to stand again. Andy Dorset has agreed to stand for election in her place.

GP proposed that the following Managing Trustees be elected (Jane Close, Geoff Johnson, Kay Dorset, Steve Alderson, and Andy Dorset) be elected.

EP seconded this and those Managing Trustees were duly re-elected.

Item 8. Appointment of Village Group Representatives: The Secretary confirmed the current Village Group Representatives will continue in role; and that no other user groups had requested a representative.

The re-appointment of the existing Village Group Representatives was duly confirmed.

Item 9. Appointment of Independent Examiner: The Treasurer reported that Mrs Sue Savage was willing to be the independent examiner of the accounts for the coming year. This was agreed.

Item 10. Any Other Business. The chair presented EP, the outgoing Treasurer, with flowers as a thank you for her 10 years service, with the applause of those present.

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