

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL
King's Road, Easterton. SN10 4PS
Registered Charity Number: 305510

Easterton Village Hall Annual General Meeting [AGM]: Tues 15th Sept 2026

AGM MINUTES 2026

Present: Rebecca Harman – Chairperson/Trustee; Chris Saunders – Treasurer/Trustee; Colin Ball – Vice Treasurer/Temp Bookings Secretary/Trustee; Jacquie Ball - Meetings Secretary/Trustee; Gerry Hamilton - Trustee; Debi Adshead – Trustee; Helen Hardman – Trustee; Heather Walker – Trustee; Nick Fuller - Councillor, Easterton Parish Council; members of local community

	Item	Lead
1	Welcome: Chair welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their attendance.	Chair
2	Apologies: David Turnbull - new committee member; Anthony Snook [AS] Councillor, Easterton Parish Council. Kieran Pierce - Trustee (not present)	Secretary
3	Approval of minutes of AGM 2025: Approved; Proposed by Chris Saunders; Seconded by Heather Walker.	Chair
4.	Election of Officers: New committee members: Chris Saunders welcomed and introduced the new members who had joined the EVH Committee/Trustees team since the 2024 AGM. Debi Adshead, who was present, initially joined as a Committee Member and has since become an EVH Trustee. David Turnbull has also joined as a Committee Member but was not present at the meeting. Re-election process: Chris reminded the meeting that appointed Committee Officers and Trustees are expected to step down at the AGM before standing for proposed re-election. All those present agreed to stand again for a further year and were duly proposed and seconded by attendees at the meeting. Action: Chris Saunders, to liaise with Kieran Pierce, to ascertain his intention to where will be standing again as a Trustee for the coming year.	Treasurer
5.	Chair's 2026 Report (Rebecca Harman) Greetings! Thank you to everyone present for taking the time to join us today at the EVH AGM. Since the last AGM, a lot has happened. As you know Kieran stepped down as chairman due to work commitments. Thank you, Kieran, for all the time effort and hard work put into the upkeep and wellbeing of the village hall bringing us into the 21st Century. So here I am the new Chairman. Alongside me is a great team of individuals who give endless time and effort to put together the events held throughout the year for your enjoyment such as Burns Night Supper, Summer Social, Biannual tidy-up & Remembrance Curry Lunch. This year we are introducing a Car Boot sale which gives us all an excuse to have a clear out and use our variety of skills within the team. We welcomed Debra Adshead as a new trustee and hopefully David Turnbull will follow. There is plenty of room for more, just talk to one of the trustees if you are interested. Our trustees work hard for you, for example navigating grant systems. We have managed to achieve funding; an example of this is the new acoustic panels on the ceiling. You can see trustees up ladders, grovelling under the stage and clearing gutters to name just a few of the tasks we undertake for you, our neighbours. Events take time; it's not just the day itself but the planning and preparation. We have achieved for you, our community, having listened to your requests and observations for keeping the hall and surrounding area in good order. I would like to mention just a few of the many things: -	Chair

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	- I've already mentioned the acoustic panels - New signage and board for posters advertising forthcoming events - Wooden bench - Cameras in the car park - Extended storage - Internal door signage & plaques Best kept village in the medium category was a wonderful award following on from last year's best newcomer. In addition to the Trustees themselves, we must not forget their supportive partners who get roped into helping. Also, a special mention must go to EPC, The Fete Committee, Adrian & Caro, Nick & Gill Fuller, Caroline & Andy Dingley, Leslie & Dave plus our long-standing regular users. The Sewing Bees, Short May Bowls, The Hub, Yoga with Ginny and our four-legged groups and many more. I would also like to thank the late Dennis Lucioni for his generous donation of £2,500 to the village hall. Plus, a number of organisations for their contribution towards our "Flush Fund" which Helen and Chris will tell you in a minute. Gaiger's, Nikki & Dave at The Royal Oak, Easterton Archers, Wiltshire Wealth, R Douse & Wiltshire Council. Hopefully many more to follow. We are custodians of this wonderful building and grounds. We must never forget all those who stood before us from its humble beginnings and have made it the superb social meeting place it is today. So, our aim for the coming year is to do more of the same and have a more respectful environment in and around the village hall. A child friendly place to play and picnic without dog mess. Respectful parking for all that actually use the hall and encourage new users and groups. Thank you again for your time today	
6	Treasurers Report: (Chris Saunders) Close examination of the hiring income against operating costs reveals that these costs now marginally exceed the £7820 Hiring Income. This is not entirely satisfactory as it means that we are now reliant upon event etc. income to cover unplanned costs. It should be noted that income generated by regular hirers totals £5138 leaving occasional hirers generating £2682. The permanent Improvements total £3246 has only been made possible by Grant funding and surplus from special events. The total funds of £17310 at year end includes the bequest of £2518 later used in 2026. This effectively reduces the total funds to £14792 comparing unfavourably with the £15409 at the end of 2024. 2026 has seen the opening of a 95-day (notice) investment bank account for the Flush Fund which currently holds £7328 transferred from our current account. A Bank Reserve account stands ready to receive any surplus general funds after the planned rear path expenditure scheduled for October 2026. I consider that the Committee of Management (Trustees) have enhanced the facilities available to the parish and beyond, in accordance with our Constitution, and that we remain financially viable. It is to this end that Colin Ball has prepared a scheduled calculation for your consideration whereby our prices are increased at least in line with the rate of inflation.	Treasurer
7	Hall Hiring Secretary's Report: (Colin Ball- temporarily managing) As Chris has already pointed out in his financial report, by contributing almost 2/3 of our hiring income, our regular hirers are essential to our ongoing financial health. Our thanks go to them for	Colin Ball

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	their continued support. We have lost one regular hirer in the past year, due to low numbers, but we are currently finalising discussions with a new potential regular hirer. The front door electronic lock has continued to support hirers by making access and egress simpler, and apart from battery changes has been pretty trouble free. In the last year we have increasingly used the ticketing function of our booking system for events. Despite having some issues with the 'SumUp' card payment company, our system has coped well and will continue to be used for events organised by the village hall committee.	
8	100 CLUB REPORT (Helen Hardman – Lead) The 100 club was started in April 2025 by Helen Hardman and Steve Hardman. The first monthly draw took place in May 2025. Two prizes are awarded every month the second prize half that of the first which is related to the percentage of tickets sold. Now in our second year we currently have 90 members with £5,203 in the bank, increasing steadily from monthly subscriptions. The money includes a few small donations plus a £500 donation from Douses in Market Lavington and £150 from Kytes in Easterton Sands. Gaigers have also pledged £500. The bank account holders are Helen Hardman, Nick Beard and David Houghton. Thank you to all those who participate, and please see Helen if you would like a ticket or would like to make a donation.	Helen Hardman
9	AOB Chair opened conversation to include the audience – any thoughts/ideas/queries to share: 1. Septic Tank Replacement: An update was provided to remind and update on the hall's 'Flush Fund' Appeal, of plans to replace the ageing 1950s septic tank. The Chair outlined targeted fundraising efforts to raise at least half of the cost, which would strengthen the hall's eligibility for grant funding to cover the remainder (last quote was for just over £63K). Discussion and next steps: Attendees were invited to share any further thoughts or ideas. Following discussion, the Chair suggested forming a dedicated working group to explore the ideas raised and agree the best way forward. The Chair will seek volunteers for the group. Future updates will be included as part of the existing topic at regular EVH meetings. 2. Children's play park vandalism: A query was raised about the recent vandalism at the children's play park. The Chair clarified that the play park is provided by, and is the responsibility of, Easterton Parish Council (EPC), rather than the Village Hall. EPC had responded to the incident and arranged for damage repair/replacement. The Chair also provided an update on related issues, including vehicles using the area at night or overnight, and confirmed that options for addressing these concerns are being explored. The Chair noted the helpfulness of the EPC's good working relationship with the Village Hall, particularly naming Anthony S (as our previous direct Rep support), and now Nick F.	
	AGM closed at 20:23pm, with invite to continue partaking in refreshments and socialising.	