

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 7th April 2025

Registered Charity number 1185608



CHAIRMAN

P Guildford

SECRETARY

P Anning

TREASURER

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Trustees in attendance: Peter Guildford, David Wort, Nicola Hulme, Claire Carvis, Maria Ambrozy, Tom Mortimer, Peter Anning, Mina Soi-Westby

Villagers in attendance: Shelley Colyer, Deborah Lord, Liz Parr, Jon Preston, Andrew Kirby, William Ballmann, Debbie Wort, Donna Harrison, Mathew Harrison, Ben Revill, Kerri Revill, John Priestley, David Smith, James & Susan Hosmer, Gaynor Anning, Jim Dedicoat, Malcolm Brook

Minutes: Nicola Hulme

1 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman began by welcoming all present to the AGM

2. Apologies for absence – Melanie Smith, Janita Dedicoat, Peter Lord, Susan Lupton.

3. The Minutes of the AGM of 15/04/2024 were approved as a true record.

4. Chairman's report

The period time of that we are covering this evening is from the beginning of January 2024 through to the end of December 2024.

Highlights of 2024A Year in Review

Community, Activity & Progress:

- ✓ Hosted 12 regular user groups and numerous community events, including quiz nights, yoga classes, coffee mornings, and private functions.

New Initiatives:

- ✓ We legally bought the land; all legals were finalised on Friday, the 9th of August 2024. (Over a year after we originally submitted our offer)
- ✓ Climate Change Garden Project launched
- ✓ Refreshed social media presence
- ✓ Volunteer Involvement: Huge thanks to our incredible volunteers — over 1011 hours of service donated, equivalent to £11,181 on minimum wage hours!
- ✓ Grants & Funding: £43,541 towards groundworks, event space and plantings to create Climate Change Garden

“A big THANK YOU to everyone who made 2024 such a successful year”

Financial Snapshot & Operational Update

Income & Expenditure Summary:

Income: Room hires, grants, fundraising events

Expenditure: Utilities increased by 33%

Income: 50% from wedding events, 25% from tenants, and 25% from user groups

Building & Maintenance

- ✓ Roof repair completed in Spring
- ✓ Ongoing energy efficiency assessments

“We continue to steward our resources carefully and invest in what matters most to the community.”

Looking Ahead.....2025 & Beyond

Future Plans

- ✓ Complete & celebrate the Climate Change Garden
- ✓ Expand community use — more workshops & youth activities
- ✓ Continue IT Upgrades: Wi-Fi, New Website, M365
- ✓ Pursue funding for sustainability upgrades (e.g. insulation, solar panels)

Building & Maintenance

- ✓ LED Lighting Upgrade
- ✓ New Storage Area
- ✓ New Toilets

“Together, let’s keep East Keswick Village Hall at the heart of village life.”

5. Treasurer’s report

The year ended with a deficit of £4423.00

Details of the Illingworth Field funding are attached

Full details of the accounts can be found under the administration section of our web site.

The formal part of the AGM closed at 8.00pm

6. Trustees

The following Trustees have agreed to continue their role:

Peter Guildford – Chairman

Peter Anning – Secretary

David Wort – Treasurer

Mina Soi-Westby

Nicola Hulme

Claire Carvis

Maria Ambrozy

Tom Mortimer

The following Trustees have resigned:

Peter Guildford gave a vote of thanks to Malcolm Brook for his huge commitment to the Village Hall, with around 50 years’ service.

Also, to Janita Dediccoat who has been a dedicated and valued Trustee for a long period of time, with a great involvement in East Keswick Flower Club, as well as organising the very popular New Years’ Eve events over many years.

Jonathan Wilson has resigned due to work/life commitments and we wish him well.

The Chairman then offered to take questions- no questions were presented.

Mina Soi- Westby gave a presentation on the progress and plans of the Climate Change Garden, with grateful thanks to David and Melanie Smith of East Keswick Wildlife Trust for their continued support and guidance.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm