

THE MIDDLETON BY YOULGRAVE VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

Minutes of the AGM held On Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

1. Present – the Chairman (Paul Jeremy), Charles Monkhouse (Treasurer), Mary Marsh (Secretary), Janet Renwick, Hayley Sanders, Roger and Tina Green, Andy and Mary Barber, David Sewell.
2. Apologies,- Helen Brocklehurst, Pete and Bev Worrall, Patricia de Hoogh Rowntree, Steve Dick , Dianne Jeremy.
3. Approval of the 2022 AGM Minutes June 2022 – The Chairman welcomed those present. He asked for approval of the AGM Minutes of 23 June 2022. The Minutes had been circulated and displayed on the Village Noticeboard. No objections and the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising: No matters arising were raised.
5. Chairman's Report *: All agreed it had been a very successful year with a full programme of events including: the Harvest Supper; completion of Portrait of Middleton culminating in a very successful exhibition of PoM (now archived); the Christmas parties_ Children's event followed by Carol singing in the Square with Youlgrave Silver Band and mince pies and sausage rolls; Community Christmas Party, which was well supported but some last-minute absentees meant that food provided was wasted; Bateman Arms pub evening went well with a good profit of about £300; King's Coronation Tea Party – a fun event held in the Village Hall due to uncertain weather. The main event! Well-dressing and Market preparations went well, resulting in a successful event. Proceeds from the stalls were generally increased, the Morris Dancers provided excellent entertainment and were enjoyed. This year's main Well-Dressing, (designed by Helen Burtonshaw), depicted 75 years' service from the NHS and Land Rover. Children's well-dressings were displayed on Middle Well and Plantation Well showing a variety of subjects. Beautiful weather enhanced the day with the usual high-quality teas providing welcome sustenance and the evening BBQ was popular. A good asset was the provision of Castle Farm field for car parking which reduced congestion. A superb effort by all contributors yielded a profit of £3,348.00. Visitors appreciated the floral displays and classical music in St Michael and All Angels' church on Saturday and Sunday. The Blessing of the Wells on Sunday 28th May and the subsequent Evensong service in the church were well attended and enjoyable. Middleton Rocks on 3rd June was another event that benefitted from the lovely summer weather. It was very well attended and enjoyed and resulted in a donation of £2,000 to the James Wood Support Fund.
*A full Chairman's Report will be sent to all parish households, with the July/August Newsletter.
6. Annual Accounts : The Treasurer has prepared the annual accounts and they have been audited by Matthew Lovell. Charles was thanked by the Chair for his presentation. The accounts were approved by the trustees present and signed by them. The accounts will be filed with the Charity Commission.

The deficit of £12,200 is largely due to the Portrait of Middleton project - £10,000 expenses being processed through the VHC account – this sum was mostly raised through grant funding. Hire of the Hall – bookings were limited : the most notable was the District Council Election fee. We should try to have more self-supporting events. A new electricity tariff is being considered. Pete’s review of the heating Policy has shown how much of our income is taken up by heating. This winter we will not run the heating on a continual basis. Heaters are being upgraded as and when they cease to work – one already installed.

7. Appointment and election of committee for 2023-24: The Chairman expressed his thanks to the committee for their community service 2022-2023. All ten members of the Committee were willing to continue. Tina Green agreed to stand and was elected unanimously. Mary Marsh retired as Secretary and was thanked by Paul for her excellent service over the last six years. She remains on the committee. Hayley was nominated as the new Secretary, which she accepted. Charles would like to retire at the end of the Financial Year and suggested that a Banking Team be formed. The Chair agreed to continue. The 2023-24 committee was elected by the AGM meeting.
8. Events Programme for 2023-2024 : This will mainly be discussed at the July committee meeting when a programme will be agreed. This will comprise our standard events plus other suggestions. We have the Ceilidh booked for the Greencroft Barn on 2nd September, but final arrangements for this event – ticketing, food (outside caterers?), bar, control of numbers etc – will be decided in the committee meeting in July. Mary Barber suggested asking the residents for other ideas that they would wish to support in the annual programme.
9. Date of the next Village Hall Meeting: The meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 4th July in the Village Hall.