

WEST HARPTREE MEMORIAL HALL

CHARITY NO: 1061222

**MINUTES OF AGM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY 2025 AT
7.00pm IN THE HALL**

Ginny Ireland, our Chairperson, chaired the meeting, and welcomed Emma Wetherill from the Parish Council.

There were five members present. Apologies from Rick Zurburg.

Notes from the AGM held on 6th November 2023 which had already been circulated to members by email, were taken as read, agreed and signed.

Confirmation of Committee for 2024/2025: all were elected unanimously. It was also proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Secretary.

Chairperson: Ginny Ireland
Vice Chairperson: Danielle Ireland
Treasurer: Bill Jory
Secretary: Sue Jory
Bookings Co-ordinator: Fiona Rochford
Bar Administrator: Rick Zurburg

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that our income for last year was good, but there was a short-fall on the previous year. It was felt at the meeting that the fall in income was probably due to us having more regular bookings and fewer larger "one-off's". Despite this, the Treasurer was able to report that we made a profit compared to the two previous years incurring losses.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Ginny Ireland and seconded by Sue Jory and agreed unanimously.

Chairperson's Report

Ginny thanked all the Committee Members for their hard work over the year, pointing out that between the six of us, we each had individual jobs but also all helped each other to maintain and run the Hall efficiently. Plus, Hall friends helping with different events which was much appreciated.

We have had another busy year with three successful Bingo nights and our first Quiz Evening, which all went very well. These events help keep the Hall solvent. Each year the "Salvage Crew" band hold the Harptree Hop, where they play their music and the committee provide food. This event is for a different charity every year.

We have many groups that use the hall for the community to enjoy. We have the History Society; Lunch Club; Yoga; Pilates; Circuit training; Brazilian Jiu-jitsu, who all meet at least

once a week. New to the hall is Ballet and Story Imaginary which caters for our younger villagers. Other groups that use the hall are: The Eco Group, Church soup luncheon, Election voting, Parish Council Meetings, the Rug Man and Heart Circle. Other groups do use us from time to time and we also have private parties for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. We are also hoping to reinstate the Cinema Club soon. We are also able to run a bar for different events which again is manned by committee members and volunteers.

Later this year, we will be celebrating 100 years of this Memorial Hall, and thanks to Rick and his team there will be a host of celebrations on the day. This year we have lost the Church Office from the premises but are using the space for better storage which opens up the upstairs for groups.

We try to keep the maintenance up together, and have several 'handymen' who do small jobs for us and when we need a more specialised job we try to use local firms where possible. We now have the windows and gutters cleaned regularly.

Ginny pointed out that we would love to have more people on the committee as this would help share the load, or people to join the hall friends to help out at events.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Sue Jory and seconded by Bill Jory and agreed unanimously.

NEXT AGM MEETING: WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2026 AT 7.00pm

Signed:(Chair). Date: