

# Minutes of the Combe Raleigh Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Thursday 24th April 2025

Minutes taken by Kay

## Present

Brian Churchill (Chairman), Jenny Rickson (Treasurer), John Brabrook, Val Brabrook, Kay Churchill, Tony Dezell, Jonathon Holding, Mark Horne, David Jackson, Chris Kemp, Claire Kemp, Rosemary Maplestone, Jenny Rickson, Heather Trim, Emma Twaddle, John Twaddle, Jill Wardle, Helen Williams.

### 1 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman started by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman then asked for a one minute silence in remembrance of a popular village resident

John Blackburn JB as we all new him.

### 2 Apologies for absence

Laurence Clarke, Caroline Padget, Chris Padget, Asa Palmer, Jamie Palmer, Ann Rickson Claire Turner

### 3 Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the last AGM held on **Tuesday** 9th. April 2024, were approved and signed as a correct record.

### 4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 5 Chairmans Report Village Hall AGM Thursday 24th April 2025

Thanks to all Committee members and guests for their dedication.

Thanks to Jen for all her work done as Treasurer. she did allow us to buy smart new fridge freezer.

Thanks for sorting it Chris.

We have held 10 meetings throughout the year,

Our meetings have been positive and our two guest Chris and Claire Kemp have joined in very well.

So well indeed that they have both agreed to join the Committee as full members and I am very pleased to let you know that Chris has offered to become Secretary..

Kay is delighted.

Although Jamie is no longer the Secretary he kindly offered to continue taking the Village Hall bookings which is much appreciated.

We would still like to welcome new members on board,

As I said last year, for example how the Craft and Produce Show is run. It is not organised by the hall committee members only. Other village people take the bull by the horns and help organise the event themselves, but still under the umbrella of the Village hall.

**August Bank Holiday Fun Day.** Good attendance, good fun, Bouncy Castle, Brian thanked Chris for setting up the music, David and Laurence for the BBQ and Claire for organising the Tea and Cakes.

Thanks also to Tony for bringing his Traction Engine along. and thanks to Sue and her friends for organising the Dog Agility.

Thanks to all other helpers from the village as well for help with the preparationa.

**October -- Harvest Lunch** It was a 50-50 situation about the food **but we decided to go for cold meats** and salads instead of hot roast beef. The salads were delicious and Brian thanked the ladies that prepared them

**October -- Cheese and Wine** A few negative comments came back but overall it went well.

**November -- Bonfire Night.** We gathered in Laurence's car park. The flaming torches were missed. Our alternative was glow sticks. The bonfire built by Malcolm and Ollie, lit by Nick with his magic potion. The firework display on Malcolm's hill was brilliant. The fireworks were lit by Brian, Nick and Greg.

Whilst all this was going on Helen and Kay had organised the Burgers and sausages which were served throughout the evening

**December -- Christmas Cheese and Wine.** Enjoyed by all. The Mulled wine and Christmas nibbles went very well

**January -- Quiz Night** Went very well an enjoyable event. The questionnaire from that night gave interesting results The top favourite event was

Bonfire Night 26,

followed by

Wine and Cheese get togethers 25,

Bingo and Village Bar both had 22

Craft Fair 18

Live Music 17

Christmas Market 16

Fun Day and Film Club 14

Harvest Lunch and Treasure Hunt 9

St. Georges Day Lunch 7

Pilates and yoga 6

**April -- Easter Bingo** Great success, This had an earlier start to encourage the children. It was all a great success thanks go to Helen and Jen.

And to end his report Brian said he would just like to let everyone know that we will soon be able to take your money with ease. Thanks to Chris and Jenny we will have a Card Terminal.

## **6 Treasurers Report**

Report attached

## **7 Election of Chairman**

Brian Churchill agreed to stand again as Chairman. Proposed by Val Brabrook and Seconded by Jill Wardle

## **8 Election of Committee and Officers**

The Committee was elected en-block. Also Jenny Rickson as Treasurer.

Proposed by Tony Dezell and seconded by John Twaddle.

Chris and Claire Kemp were elected as Committee members.

Proposed by Helen Williams and seconded by Jenny Rickson.

Chris Kemp was elected as Secretary,

Proposed by Tony Dezell and seconded by Rosemary Maplestone.

## **9 Any Other Business**

Brian said he was pleased with how things had gone over the last year.

Brian also said that if anyone would like to attend the Village Hall meetings as a guest as Chris and Claire had done over the past year they would be very welcome.

Rosemary thanked Chris for the excellent Web site and how good the Diary on it is.

**Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 20th. May 7.30p.m.**