

AGM and Trustee meeting Minutes of the meeting held on 13/10/2025

Present: Geoff Shepard (GS) (Chair) Roy Featherstone (RF) (Secretary), Mike Gorman (MG) (Treasurer), Chris Featherstone (CF), (Events Organiser) Marcia Scott (MS) Trustee, David Heath (DH) Caz Netherton (CN)

Apologies: George Pritchard, Anne Howard

Welcome and Introductions.

1.GS took the chair, welcomed everyone.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None declared.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising.

Any matters arising were to be covered in the agenda

5. Chairman's Report.

GS thanked all for their help and support over the last year. GW commented on the quality of the speakers over the last year and the variety of topics. It was also noted that there seems to be a significant number of "outsiders" attending the meetings. This was agreed to be a good thing. The dairy day was a great success and GS thanked all on the committee and also the village in general for their help in making the event go smoothly.

6.Treasurer's Report.

MG stated that the Society is in a good financial position:

Summary	
Account 2024-2025	
Current account balance 01/09/2024	£743.84
Current account balance 31/08/2025	£781.07
Projected budget 2025-2026	-
Income	
Quizzes & raffles	£600.00
Book sales	£0.00
Current account balance 09/10/2025 (AGM)	£816.07
Total projected income	£1,416.07
Expenditure	
Printing	£120.00
Hall hire	£270.00
Purchases/catering	£100.00
Speakers	£150.00
Total projected expenditure	£640.00
Projected balance end of Aug 2026	£776.07

Andrew Liggatt is currently auditing the accounts and his report will be brought to the next trustees' meeting.

The minutes of the society and the treasurers report are now on the village website. There have been some issues with the projector this year but it appears to be operating properly at the moment. The group agreed however to discuss approaching the Parish Council in the future with a view to obtaining a grant to fund installation of a fixed projector.

7. Election of Chairman for year.

GS agreed to remain in the role of chairman.

8. Election of Treasurer for year.

MG agreed to continue in the role as treasurer.

9. Election of Secretary for year.

RF agreed to continue in the role of secretary.

10. Election of Events Organiser

CF agreed to continue in the role of events organiser

All the above were proposed by DH and elected en. block

11. Programme for 2026 - 2027

Suggested speakers for next year:

- Dr Richard Massey – topic to be agreed
- Max Milligan – topic to be agreed
- Anthony Speight – the golden age of the English Murder Trial (Agreed)
- Battle of Arnhem – GS to contact speaker
- Judy Rouse – Railway Navvies
- History of Glastonbury festival -RF to contact speaker.
- Somerset Coalfields – CF to Contact Radstock museum

12. Date of the next Trustees meeting

Jan 12th 2026

13 Any other business

The group gave a vote of thanks to George and Margaret Pritchard for their regular much appreciated donations of wine.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm