

MITHIAN INSTITUTE (Mithian Village Association)

MINUTES of the Trustees Meeting held downstairs at Miners Arms at 6.15pm on Tuesday 28th January 2025

1. Present:

Jane Cashmore (Chair), Chris Bones, Geoff Osborne, Nic Field, Alan Price, Vanessa Corbey, Emma Windsor and Anouska Andreou

2. Apologies for absence:

3. Agree Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the September meeting were agreed.

4. Matters Arising Not On The Agenda:

None

5. Treasurer's Report:

Current Reserves – Chris reported that current balances are: Lloyds Current A/C £1,056 Instant Access Savings £3,622 (1% making approx. £7 month), Fixed Term Deposit £15,352 (2.91% maturing in May 2025 and earning around £220) and Cash £36.49. Total reserves £20,067 – a reduction of around £2,800 since September. In addition to several minor items, we have spent £1,700 on 2 gazebos, £300 on racking, £300 on storage rental £606 on insurance, £75 on St. Agnes Band and £80 on defibrillator pads. Interest from the deposit accounts produced an income of around £450 in December.

6. Programme of Events:

16th December Christmas Carols – Went well and was well attended. Geoff thanked Jane for leading the evening and Anouska for providing the mince pies.

AGM Date - Confirmed as 18th March 2025

Mithian Market – Following a decline in footfall, it has been agreed with the regular stallholders that there will be just 3 or 4 markets per year from now on, the next one being pre-Easter, so probably 2nd Saturday in April (12th). The 2024 Markets produced an income of around £300 for Village funds.

Duck Race – Planned also for Saturday 12th April start 11:30 am.. Nessie will provide Alan with plywood for advertising boards. This is a clash with the Market, but not thought to be a problem due to the different target clientele. Start time postponed to 11:30 to give people chance to attend both.

2025 Programme – this will be the responsibility of the new Committee to establish following the AGM.

7. Village Hall:

Porch Decoration – Cleaning and painting the walls is still outstanding – there might be some plaster repair needed also.

Extension Roof – Geoff reported chasing Andrew again last week and we are still on his list of jobs.

Defibrillator – All agreed in principle to hand the unit over to the St.Agnes Parishwide Defibrillator Network with the following conditions attached:

1. In the event that SAPDN ceases to operate for any reason, then ownership of the unit reverts to MVA. This overrides any clause in SAPDN's articles of association to otherwise effect.
2. The unit must not be moved to another location, away from the village under any circumstances.
3. SAPDN will be responsible for all aspects of the unit's maintenance including pads, batteries, insurance etc. and any liabilities.

Defibrillator Awareness Session – Paul Kimberley (St.Agnes Parishwide Defibrillator Network) is happy to do an awareness session for anyone who missed the Coast Medics one last year or who would like a refresher. All agreed that one should be arranged and include Bleed Pack training at the same time.

8. Phone Box

Surplus Funds – Anouska is currently holding £355 remaining from the Phone Box project and £250 from the aborted traffic calming project. Although outside the responsibility of the Trustees, everyone supported the suggestion that both sums of money should be transferred into the current Miners Arms fund-raising appeal, which is for Bleed Control Kits for the Village and the School.

Phone Box Cleaning and tidying – Following discussion around the suggestion of adding the phone box to the Hall cleaning rota, Jane, Nessie and Emma volunteered to attend to the phone box cleanliness and book tidiness on a monthly rotational basis.

9. The Constitution:

Revised Constitution – Nic and Geoff reported that they had uploaded the new constitution into the Charity Commission system on 7th November, but nothing has been heard since. Geoff chased them by e-mail last Friday, but has not had a reply as yet. It is our understanding that the new constitution becomes effective 60 days after notification to the Charity Commission, but it would be good to have confirmation of this. It was felt that this issue should be resolved before the AGM in March. Jane suggested that in the absence of any progress with the Charity Commission, that we should take a robust approach and advise them that we are now operating under the terms of the updated constitution under the 60 day notice rule.

10. Any Other Business

Equipment Storage – Nic and Geoff reported that everything is now in place at Higher Mithian Farm. The new gazebos are all unpacked and ready – just need to purchase some plastic storage boxes to replace the cardboard ones. Also need to buy 6 plastic tables to replace the wooden ones which have been disposed of. Geoff reported that rodent bait is now in place and that some has been taken. Chris said that he has a spare bait station which we can have to prevent inadvertent access by pets etc.

Committee 2025 – There was some discussion around current Trustees who would like to stand down from their current positions and also the need to recruit some new younger Trustees. Alan expressed a wish to stand down and both Treasurer and Secretary said that they would like to move from their current roles. We have received one firm offer of nomination for election into an officer post from a village member not currently on the committee. There was also some discussion around the possibility of co-opting some local media/marketing expertise.

Minutes – As suggested by Alan, Minutes are now available to read on the website.

Domain Name Renewal – This will be due in March at a cost of £34 for 2 years. All agreed to go ahead with this. LCN do hosting for registered charities FOC (it would be £650 for 5 years otherwise)

PAT Test on Thursday - All portable equipment is required to be in the Hall by 9:00 am on Thursday.

Bank Charges – Lloyds, like most other banks are now charging for Treasurers accounts. Chris reported that to date, he has had no notification, so he is hoping that we may be exempt as a charity.

Mithian Market – Alan suggested that the Market should have a separate stall area in the Fête. To be decided by the new committee and the stallholders.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

AGM on 18th March at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.