

Onibury Village Hall AGM

Monday 2 March 2026

7pm

The Apple Tree, Onibury, SY7 9AW

Agenda

1. Declaration of interests

- Jan declared that the cleaner is her daughter

2. Trustees, attendance and apologies

Attendance:

- Janet (Jan) Giles – Chair
- Lisa Owen – Treasurer
- Sara Pearce – Secretary
- Maxine Rounds
- Nastasha Miles
- Abbey Langford
- Sue Jones
- Jill Owen – Parish Council

Apologies

- Paul/ Harv Holmes
- Andy Bevan
- Shirley Jones

3. Outstanding actions from previous meetings and approval of the minutes of the previous AGM

- None
- Approved

4 & 5. Chair's Report

- Jan gave an overview of the charity's work over the last year, key successes, challenges and risks, and next year's plans.
- Annexed to these minutes (below).

6. Annual Accounts

- Business (savings) £15,675.86
- Community account: £3,674.47
- Fees were increased and updated on the website

- The accounts will be audited by chartered accountant Trevor Saxton (Saxton Associates Limited)

7. Retirement of committee members

- As per the governing document, all committee members stepped down.

8. Election of committee members

- Janet Giles – Chair and bookings (proposed by Sara, Tasha seconded)
- Lisa Owen – Treasurer (proposed by Jan, Sara seconded)
- Sara Pearce – Secretary (proposed by Jan, Max seconded)
- Maxine Rounds – Communications (proposed by Jan, Tasha seconded)
- Nastasha Miles (proposed by Jan, Lisa seconded)
- Rachel Bollom (proposed by Jan, seconded by Sara)
- Shirley Jones (proposed by Jan, seconded by Sara)

New committee members:

- Abbey Langford (proposed by Jan, Lisa seconded)
- Sue Jones (proposed by Jan, Lisa seconded)
- Both are happy to join the What's App group and share phone numbers

9. Any Other Business (AOB)

- None

Annex: Chair's Report for the Annual General Meeting

Onibury Village Hall

Date: Monday 2nd March 2026 @ The Apple Tree, Onibury

Welcome to our Trustees, Committee Members, guests and representatives of our village groups.

I am delighted to share this annual report on behalf of the Trustees and Committee of Onibury Village Hall. Looking back over the past year, there is much we can celebrate – not only the progress and successes we've achieved together, but also the challenges we have faced with determination, teamwork and resilience.

1. Overview and Purpose

The Village Hall is a central part of the community – where people gather to celebrate, to learn, and to have fun and to fundraise amongst other things and hopefully all these things strengthen the connections that bind our village together. Over the past year, despite the continued pressures of the wider economic climate, we have remained steadfast in preserving and nurturing the Hall's vital role in village life.

2. Building Maintenance and Improvements

In the past year we have tried hard to maintain and improve the facilities at the Hall:

- **Refurbishment/ Repairs:**
- The chairs have been refurbished and the curtains fitted to comply with fire safety regulations. The planned painting in the stage area was completed and looks amazing. The rest of the areas of the hall inside and out are still outstanding and will be completed as and when we are able to do so, time and money allowing. The new carpet on the stage has been fitted and looks fantastic.

3. Events and Activities

This year saw a variety of events hosted at the Village Hall, catering to all ages and interests. These included:

- **Regular Weekly Classes:** Yoga, Pilates, and Line Dancing have been well-attended and remain vital for the hall's sustainability. We also have a new regular ladies weekly fitness class.
- **Village Hall organised Fund-raising events:** Our very popular quiz night was a great success this year held closer to December with a Christmas theme.
- **Bands at the Tree** – organised a fund-raising event in the village and generously split their monies between the Village Hall and another charity.
- **Regular Social Events:** Monthly Bingo is well supported as are the bi-weekly Country & Western Dances.
- **Other Events:** The hall has been used for a variety of events over the past year including the Craft Fayre, Wheatless Whisk (Specialising in Gluten free cakes etc), Family gatherings, Christening's, Sales, Birthday Parties, Anniversaries, Celebration of life events, Baby Showers, Darts and Football awards, Diabetes awareness courses, Parish Council meetings, Car Club meets, Church meetings and Music Workshops and Band practices to name a few.

4. Finances

The Village Hall's financial position remains stable. As always though we aware that funding for future improvements requires ongoing effort.

- **Income:** Our regular bookings and fundraising events have helped maintain the Hall's finances.
- **Expenditure:** See Treasurers report

We sincerely appreciate everyone who has contributed — whether through financial donations or by generously volunteering their time. Your support plays a vital role in ensuring the continued sustainability of the Village Hall.

5. Volunteers

Our heartfelt thanks go to the many volunteers who dedicate their time to organising events, caring for the hall, and assisting the committee. Your commitment and hard work are what make it possible for us to operate so effectively. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to get involved — even a small contribution of time can have a meaningful impact.

6. Future Plans

Looking ahead, we have a few plans for the Village Hall in the coming year:

- **Community Engagement:** We have another Dance planned in a couple of weeks; we are still planning on setting up a 100 Club in future. We will be having have a Race Night in June and will look at planning other fundraising events that hopefully the local community can get involved with over the next year.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:** We remain committed to seeking ways to enhance the building's energy efficiency, helping to lower both our environmental footprint and our long-term operating costs.
- **Further Improvements:** Flooding from outside the building has caused damage to the flooring at the front of the hall, impacting the kitchen area. We plan to repair the floor and replace the affected kitchen units and worktops. As previously noted, we also intend to repaint the hall both internally and externally, and install new blinds in the main hall.
- In addition, the boiler may soon need replacing, and we will include this in our application. These essential repairs and improvements represent a significant financial commitment, and we will therefore be seeking further grant funding to help meet the costs.

7. Conclusion

Over the past year, the Village Hall has faced its share of challenges, yet it has continued to thrive and serve as a valued hub within our community. That is something we can all take pride in.

Looking ahead, our priority remains clear: to ensure the hall continues to be a welcoming and inclusive space for activities, education, and social connection for people of all ages. My sincere thanks go to our members, volunteers, supporters, and the wider community. Your commitment and encouragement are what sustain the hall and enable it to grow. I am optimistic about the year ahead and the opportunities it brings for further progress, partnership, and a strong community spirit.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jan Giles

Chair, Onibury Village Hall