

Minutes of the meeting of Coxwold Playing Field Association
Monday 8th September 2025, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Present: Anne Le Gassicke (chair), Paul Turner (treasurer), Sandra Kirkham (vice chair), Simon Rheinberg, Mark Milligan, Jill Sample, Joy Watmough, Simon Le Gassicke and Louise Channer (secretary).

REF	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1.	Apologies – Keith James.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 23 rd June 2025 were passed as a true record.	
3.	Children's Play Area	
a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Payback painted the swings to 7'. SLG completed above this height. Some levelling (ask Keith B) needed in nettle area, then sow grass seed. P.C. hope to install a star-gazing chair on the mound as part of dark skies initiative. Helen R provided useful photos of improvements to Harome play area (basketball hoop and seesaw) - we could do. SDR forward photos to SLG. Agreed on piecemeal play area development in order to make progress. 	SLG SLG SDR
b)	Decorating the committee room – Thanks to Chris for doing second coat. Complete.	
c)	Outside Toilets (and more) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Built 1988. Parks have contributed significantly to maintenance; costs now increasing and Parks assistance decreasing. Convert gents and part of ladies into store room with inside access for storage of tables, chairs etc to allow better use of committee room. Outside will be a single WC and a disabled access WC, both unisex. Quote from Mark L is £22,600 & VAT. Hope also to refurbish inside WCs. Meeting requested with Parks late Sept to discuss Solar – Tate Solar charge c £16k to install solar on roof, batteries and an EV charging point. Parks have some cash for capital projects – possibly solar, EV and outside WCs. Stairs, skylights/velux – possible further projects. 	PT/SLG PT/SLG
d)	Film Nights – Decision to show films 1 st and 3 rd Fridays of the month. Restart Fri 3 rd October. Jill will include future dates in the mailing. Seat cushions now available.	JS
e)	Safeguarding Policy – The hall's new Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy was circulated and agreed. It will be reviewed annually by the committee around the time of the AGM. The Charity Commission expects all charities, including village halls, to make safeguarding a priority.	LC
f)	Afternoon Tea – Plan for 2026.	SK
g)	Jazz in the Village - 38 attended, including a few walk-ins. Takings on tickets £571 less £396 paid to performers. £175 door profit plus £98 bar takings. Profit c. £275. MM has been approached by a local Blues Band who play locally, nationally and internationally. Plan for next year – possibly tie in with centenary. 80/20 split again, bar takings to hall. £10 ticket price.	MM /PT / SLG
h)	Open Gardens Meeting, Thurs 18th Sept 7.30pm - LC to run meeting with JS, JW and PT. LC to ask Jean to meeting and ask for contacts for 2025 gardens to invite. Jill to advertise meeting on village WhatsApp etc. Notes from 2025 basis of agenda. Nibbles from Jill, Joy & Louise. PT to sort wine.	LC/JS/JW/PT
i)	Apple Fest – 30 tickets sold. ALG, SLG and JW available. SDR on door. Jill to run raffle - Barkers voucher from Open Gardens, plus wine/chocs. Help needed for bar and in kitchen during day.	ALG/SLG/SDR /JW/PT/SK/all
j)	Centenary Meeting, Thurs 30th October 7.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KJ has offered (gratefully accepted) to run the meeting and emailed ideas of how to get more villagers involved / types of events / brainstorming. We agreed (rather than going door to door which might be unwelcome to some) to circulate a flyer fairly close to the meeting and separate from the Newsletter to have more impact. Jill to design flyer, (ALG print) and advertise on WhatsApp, Instagram and FB. Committee members can also directly encourage all ages, including children with their parents, to attend and share their ideas. Nibbles and wine / soft drinks. Try to borrow flip chart. 	KJ/JS/ALG/all

k)	Moonshine Event – Moonshine to put flyers out shortly. Depending on its success, may start a small indoor market.	SDR
l)	Kitchen deep clean – Sandra to give contact to ALG.	ALG / SK
m)	Coat rail – we have two, one upstairs needs bringing down, second is down.	
n)	Events – covered at j) above.	
4.	Future Events / activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Gardens Meeting – Thursday 18th September 7.30pm. • Apple Fest – 18th October, 7.00pm (note change of date). • Village Hall Centenary Celebrations Meeting – Thursday 30th October 7.30pm. • Christmas Brunch – 30th November, 10.30am. 	
5.	Treasurer's Report – £24,816 deposit account, £2,679 current account, plus £450 from builders for car parking for Sep/Oct. Ask if they need another month. Total £27,496, plus £850 for hire deposits. £2-2,500 toilet maintenance payment due in; electricity bill £750-1,000 due for c 3 months use.	PT MM
	Any other business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CADS – Week of 12-17 January 2026. Sunday 5th October first get together. Neil writing panto based on Peter Pan. ALG to notify Kilburn, Ampleforth and Husthwaite as some want to join the cast/crew. Ask if we can use Wass stage. • Stage lighting grant – Arts Council giving grants. Need costings and spec. Speak to Sheila M from Husthwaite or Mr Ramsden. SLG set up discussion with PT/SDR. PT?ALG do application. • Electrical inspection – book PAT testing. Hall needs two phase sockets, investigate and instigate. 	ALG ALG/SLG/SDR /PT PT
	Dates for future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 November at 7.30pm. 	
	The meeting started at 19.30, closed at 20.52.	