

Minutes of the meeting of Coxwold Playing Field Association
Monday 17th November 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, Keith James, Simon Le Gassicke and Louise Channer (secretary).

REF	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1.	Apologies – n/a	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 8 th September 2025 were passed as a true record.	
3.	Children's Play Area	
a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLG to review photos of Harome play area (basketball hoop and seesaw) sent by SDR. SLG to ask Neil K if he is willing to lead an apple tree pruning session in Feb/other suitable time. We will run a playground improvement suggestions session with interested families from the village at the same time. SLG to book a mole catcher. 	SLG SLG SLG
b)	Outside Toilets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lottery funding may be available for conversion of outside toilets. Two units proposed, one disabled/women, the other men. Extras will include new doors, refurbishment of inside toilets, enlarging the attic cupboard doors to make them more useable. Mark Leonard to be asked to inspect all the older roof carefully to assess its state to aid repair planning. The corner leaks. Solar – Approx £16k to install 13 solar panels on south facing roof above loos, batteries and an EV charging point by the committee room. The Parks and the Jack Brunton Trust may assist. 	PT PT / SLG SLG
c)	Film Nights – doing well after a slow start. Ask parents whether they want to choose and run a children's film screening funded by the club.	JS
d)	Afternoon Tea – Plan for 2026, possibly as a centenary event. SK to find out cost	Sandra
e)	Apple Fest – A successful event. Takings £1,751, expenses £624, £1,126 profit.	
f)	Centenary Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low attendance from village, but those attending had plenty of ideas during a successful meeting, run in a good interactive format by Keith. Clear front runner is an inter-village sports event. Would need someone willing and competent to run this. Arrange another meeting for 25th February 2026 to discuss further. Ask Stephen Wombwell if he is available and willing to open the panto and also interested in being involved in centenary events. 	KJ KJ Joy
g)	Moonshine Event – SDR said the first event takings should fund the new loft store room flooring. Awaiting quotes from Calverts and hope to fit it Jan/Feb. Next event Sat 22 nd November with eight local stalls. If successful, more to follow.	SDR
h)	Kitchen deep clean – Sandra to give contact details to ALG.	Sandra
i)	CADS – Going well. It would be good to communicate to the cast what the takings and expenditure were after the event.	PT / SDR
j)	Stage Lighting PT has advice and quotes from Gif Music. Control box (supports 12 lights) £109. The lights are wired in a daisy chain. Probably four light (4 lights and box £500-600) initially unless get an Arts Council grant (difficult) or a John Rainer grant, in which case we could go expand with a bigger £2k array.	PT
k)	ICEC Electrical Inspection – Booked for later in November.	ALG
l)	PAT Testing – to be booked. Andrew Turner from Thirsk or Keith has someone.	ALG
m)	Two phase electrical inspection – ask the electric supplier.	PT
4.	Future Events / activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Brunch – 30th November, 10.30am. Poppy, Sandra, Paul, Jill, Joy, SDR (door) to help. Find someone for the tombola. Decorate and set up 28th Nov: tree at 9.30am (ALG, Joy and Paul), tables/ other decorations 5pm (Jill, ALG, PT, Sandra). Sandra to make Stollen mince pies. 46 adults, 10 children booked to date. Max 70. 	All

5.	<p>Treasurer's Report – All large bills (oil, elec, water, insurance, grass cutting) paid. £34,316 deposit account, c.£2k current. Total £36,307. CPFA is most fortunate to have received a bequest of £6,675 from the estate of the late Dr Syd Tune which helps to put the finances on a sound footing. A further sum is expected, which is very welcome news. We agreed to open a higher interest deposit account. PT reported that the hall has always more or less covered running expenses by working hard at generating income but having a fund for future repairs (eg roof) is prudent.</p>	PT
6.	<p>Any other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall cleaner after external bookings? Make a check list. Jill to ask Martina Machin if she would be willing to do ad hoc cleaning if hall left dirty. Consider taking a deposit for bigger events to be wholly or partially forfeited if not left as should be. Consider buying a semi-industrial floor cleaner (c£1k). Hire one first to assess suitability. ALG to label the cleaning fluids. • Reminder to hirers to please leave all rooms at the hall as you find them. • Trees on playing field - LC reported that Peter Turnbull had visited to discuss the trees planted fairly recently on the playing field. He explained that he and others had put a great deal of time and effort into levelling and making the football pitch and he felt the placing of the trees made the use of the pitch difficult or dangerous. The committee noted that the trees were planted in conjunction with the National Park as part of a conservation project and approved by the Priory. The football pitch has been unused for many years and there has been no interest in renting it from any local team. It is still used by local children and teenagers for knockabouts. The pitch is still there and could be reinstated if teams were interested. • Table Tennis - A better table tennis table is available. Dispose of one old table on Freecycle or village WhatsApp and replace with the new. • BT hut – will probably be disposed of in the next 1-3 years. Priory will be involved. • Christmas Lights – agreed to run warm white cluster lights (non-flashing) on a timer along the front of the hall and new light for the village street Christmas trees. Lights to be owned by the PC but to be a village asset funded £500 each by CPFA, PC, open gardens and we hope a grant. 	<p>ALG Jill MM PT ALG</p> <p>LC</p> <p>SLG</p> <p>SLG</p> <p>PT</p>
	<p>Dates for future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 January 2026 at 7.30pm. • 13 April AGM at 7.30pm and committee meeting at 8pm. • 8 June at 7.30pm. • 14 September at 7.30pm. • 9 November at 7.30pm. 	
	The meeting started at 19.30 and closed at 21.20.	