

Minutes of the meeting of Coxwold Playing Field Association
Monday 7th April 2025, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Present: Anne Le Gassicke (Chair), Paul Turner (Treasurer), Simon Rheinberg, Mark Milligan, Simon Le Gassicke and Louise Channer (Secretary), Keith James (for part of meeting).

REF	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1.	Apologies: Sandra Kirkham (vice chair), Jill Sample and Joy Watmough.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 27 th January 2025 were passed as a true record.	
3.	Children's Play Area	
a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some stepping stones have been lifted. Removal to be completed. Community Payback to rub down &/or paint the play equipment when suitable personnel available. Very rusty - a day's work minimum. Ask Thirsk Decorating Centre to advise on best paint system to use. Keith is mowing the field. John Brack has been paid for last year's mowing. Ask for the cutting blades when next meet. 	SLG SLG ALG
b)	Decorating the committee room – Almost completed.	PT
c)	Outside Toilets, new taps – Done. Plan to get rid of the gents. PT to meet SLG to discuss.	SLG / PT
d)	Hall Floor – we went with the much cheaper option of maintenance, rather than replacement, for the hall floor which was badly in need of re-sealing and some damaged blocks replacing. The result is excellent. The table tennis tables are old and wonky and have scratched the floor. Possibly replace with big wheeled tables.	SLG
e)	Film Nights – Good attendance. Films up to the summer have been planned.	
f)	CADS – Excellent production and a great community event. The hall was used for 26 rehearsals. The recording will be shown in the Loft cinema on Wednesday 23 rd April at 7.30pm, CADS members have first refusal on seats. Pay bar and bring food to share.	MM / SDR / SLG
g)	Thanks to Matt Guy & communication - The committee had received an email from Matt Guy expressing disappointment that the playground upgrade is not being pushed through by the committee and concerned that spending on the hall is prioritised at the expense of works/events for the young of the village. ALG had replied setting out some playground works that have been completed and noting that we try to encourage children to attend suitable events e.g. with free or reduced children's tickets and reiterated that the committee is very grateful to Matt and his wife for organising and running the successful children's Halloween and Christmas parties and to Matt for being closely involved in the upgrade project. The committee noted at the meeting that the remainder of the agreed £10,000 for the playground upgrade remains ringfenced and that we still hope to get matching grants for works when there is capacity to pursue the project.	
h)	Safeguarding Policy – ALG to provide any other village hall policies to LC to ensure the children's safeguarding policy follows the same format.	LC / ALG
i)	Fence along building site to be removed – PT and SLG have removed our fence.	
j)	Dark Skies – Coxwold has been accredited with Dark Skies Community status. The village hall lights have been reduced at a cost of £200 paid for by the Parks. An annual event is required to keep the dark skies status. The project is run by the PC.	SLG
k)	Afternoon Tea – still to plan.	SK
l)	Jazz – Jazz in the Village evening has been booked by Mark. See events below.	MM
4.	Future Events / activities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyclists Sunday – Sunday 11th May 11.45-4pm. HELP needed to set up Sunday morning at 9am, from 10am to receive donations of sausage rolls, quiches, pizzas, sandwiches and cakes and to serve from 11.45-2pm or 2-4pm. Cyclists arrive at noon and again after the service at St Michael's at 1.30pm. Centenary next year. Village Hall Forum – Wednesday 4th June. SDR to open, set up and make tea, coffee and biscuits for c. 8-10 people. ALG to pass details to SDR. Keith and MM to help. 	MM/ ALG / All to help SDR / MM/ Keith James

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Gardens – Sunday 8th June 1-5pm. LC to take lead for teas. ALG to do advertising. Volunteers please plus Poppy, Jenny & Nick to help with teas / cakes / sandwiches washing up etc. LC request help on village WhatsApp. ALG send information on catering to LC / meet to discuss. Suggest church gets a SumUp machine for ticket sales. Split takings 50/50 church/ hall. • Sutton Bank Talk – Wednesday 11th June. Talk about the big dig at Sutton Bank. Peter W-J to do advertising. SLG to assist from 10/6. Tickets from cvhtickets24@gmail.com There is free entry to anyone who donates canapes for 40 people. • Jazz in the Village – Friday 25th July. Doors & bar open 7pm, performance 8pm. Scottish jazz duo Ian Millar & Dominic Spencer. Tickets £15, accompanied under 16s free from cvhtickets24@gmail.com or tel: 07848 177796. Flyers to arrive in May – insert in Newsletter. Ticket takings split 80(duo) /20 (to hall). Bar sales to hall. • Apple Fest – 25th October. Note 25th, not 22nd. • Christmas Brunch – 30th November. Note 30th Nov, not 7th December. 	LC / ALG / All SLG MM
5.	Treasurer's Report – £23,975 deposit account, £2,717 current account, £430 in new ticket account. Total £27,122 (including funds committed to playground and hall flooring).	PT
	Any other business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee morning 4th June – SDR will run it. SDR to ask for help. • Bonfire – decided against a bonfire event. • Rural Arts – none of the acts appealed. PT to find out about a comedian from Middlesbrough. • Legacy for CPFA – Dr Syd Tune, a long term resident of Coxwold and former CPFA committee member, has very generously left a legacy of a pension fund to the Coxwold Playing Field Association. No further details known. • Centenary of village hall – The hall was built in 2026. Mark the centenary. • New houses on old garage site – contractors to rent 5 parking spaces and space for a welfare unit at £450pcm for six months. Project begins on 14th April. • Keith James new committee member – Keith attended the AGM and kindly agreed to join the committee. • Agreed a signpost to the Tea Rooms can be erected on the edge of the playing field near the new bridge to the Tea Rooms. 	SDR PT Keith J
	Dates for future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 June at 7.30pm. • 8 September at 7.30pm. • 17 November at 7.30pm. 	
	The meeting started at 19.30, was paused at 20.00 for the AGM, recommenced at 20.39 and closed at 21.18.	