

**Annual General Meeting****Glatton Village Hall Committee Meeting****4th June 2026**

**Present:** Stephen Smith, Lisa Smith, Glenn Ford, Emily Hempstead, Sara Hunter-Dodds, Nick Pratt

**Apologies:** N/A

**Welcome by the Chairman**

**Stephen** opened the AGM at 7pm and welcomed the committee and the public.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th January 2026 were signed as a true record of proceedings.

**Matters arising from previous meeting**

None

**Annual Reports****Annual General Meeting Treasurer's Report 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026****1. Approval of Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

- a. Accounts were reviewed independently by Helen Anderson. Thank you Helen
- b. In summary the Hall closed for the redevelopment in February 2025 so regular events and hall hires were limited to £3,930.37 for the year. Most income in the year was associated with the redevelopment mainly in the form of grants to the tune of £315,765.40.
- c. Ongoing expenses for the year were £4,323.13 whilst building costs incurred in the year were £307,918.81
- d. Reserves increased by £7,454.13 to £54,342.23

**2. Since the year end our main activity has been the completion of the New Village Hall. Proudly opened and delivered to the Village on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 by the Trustees.**

- a. Funds Raised to build the hall have been:

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Fund Raising Summary      |            |
| Grants                    | 339,875.00 |
| Reserves                  | 24,500.00  |
|                           | <hr/>      |
| GVH/Parish Fund Raising £ | 82,344.78  |
|                           | <hr/>      |
| Interest Earned           | 447.20     |
| Gift Aid Reclaimed        | 9,196.81   |
| Total                     | 456,363.79 |

b.

Special thanks to our major Grantors:

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Lottery Fund                                     | £<br>200,000.00 |
| HDC CIL Contribution                             | 49,750.00       |
| Bernard Sunley Foundation Grant                  | 10,000.00       |
| Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Projects Grant | 40,000.00       |
| Garfield Weston Org                              | 40,000.00       |

A particular mention also to our village which by way of sponsorship, Buy a Brick, Glatton Parish Council, and a fantastic response to our 2026 Community Appeal raised over £90,000 including Gift Aid. It is fair to say that including generous donations of Materials, Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings and Time the Village has contributed well over £100,000 to this fantastic new facility.

## 3. Redevelopment Costs

a. There are a small number of costs still to be reconciled on completion of the project which as of today are £18,822.08 this will bring the grand total redevelopment cost to £456,017.13 .

b. As of today that gives a small surplus of £346.66 from fund raising.

c. This means that a total of £24,153.34 have been used from GVH reserves.

## 4. Current Finances

a. Total Funds at 4/06/2026      £6,545.94

b. Allocated to Building Costs      £2,156.24

c. Net Reserves      £4,389.70

## 5. Grants, Pledges and Gift Aid to claim      £17,012.50

## 6. Outlook

a. This has been the first week of opening and activity and we have already had two regular users start activity, Line Dancers and a Weekly exercise class

b. We also have two confirmed hall hires for June

c. These represent an income in June (so far) of £471.50

d. We have an estimated running cost of £505

e. Ideally, we should be aiming for more than £750 per month to restore reserves and support future investment/development of the hall.

**A copy of the detailed accounts report is attached at the end of these minutes.**

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## Chair's Annual Report

Stephen read out the Chair and Committee report which is below.

### Chairman's Report for the Annual General Meeting

I am pleased to present this Chairman's Report for the Annual General Meeting of Glatton Village Hall. This has been a significant and highly successful period for the charity, marked by the completion of the new village hall and the culmination of several years of planning, fundraising and project delivery.

The completion of the new hall represents an outstanding achievement for our village. For a community of just 110 homes, raising in excess of £450,000 to deliver this facility is a remarkable result and reflects the commitment, determination and generosity of a great many people and organisations.

Although the previous hall was demolished in March 2025, the work that led to this point began long before that. The project required at least three years of detailed preparation, including feasibility work, grant applications, fundraising activity, professional advice and ongoing project management. The successful completion of the hall is therefore the result not only of construction work, but of sustained effort over a prolonged period.

The financial support received has been exceptional. In particular, the National Lottery awarded a grant of £200,000, with valued support throughout the process from Tia Haliday. Further major contributions were received from the Cambridgeshire Capital Fund (£40,000), the Garfield Weston Foundation (£40,000), Huntingdonshire District Council (£49,750), the Bernard Sunley Foundation (£10,000), and Glatton Parish Council (£12,000). These grants provided the foundation on which the project could proceed with confidence.

The village itself also demonstrated extraordinary commitment. Through initiatives including Buy-a-Brick, sponsored bike rides, individual donations and a wide range of community fundraising events, local residents raised more than £95,000. This level of support from such a small community is a tremendous achievement and speaks volumes about the value placed on the hall and its future role within village life.

In addition to financial contributions, the project benefited from substantial practical and professional support. Gary and Tess Cope generously provided paint and assistance with decoration, while Chris Hempstead and Lisa dedicated several weeks to painting on site. Darren and Julie Laughton supplied the new fitted kitchen, Colin Allkins provided access to the adjoining land now known as Colin's Wood, Michaela Owens supported the project through its legal requirements, and Ray Groves, Jeff Glisinski, Jack Muir of Champion Flooring, and Terry Brignall also made valued contributions to the completion of the hall and its surroundings.

The building itself has been delivered to a high standard, and sincere thanks are due to Gary and Simon from Carlson Build for their work in bringing the project to completion. I would also like to record my appreciation for the trustees—Lisa Smith, Nick Pratt, Emily Hempsted, Sara Hunter, Dodds Glenn Ford and myself—together with our families, whose time, patience and support have been essential throughout this demanding process.

This year has also provided an opportunity to reflect on the hall's place in the history of the village. The original village hall was opened on 24 May 1952, and the completion of the new

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building continues that legacy more than seven decades later. It is especially meaningful that direct descendants of those involved in delivering the original hall remain connected to the project today, reinforcing the continuity between past and present.

Looking ahead, the new Glatton Village Hall is far more than a building project brought to completion. It is a long-term investment in the life of the village: a place where people can meet, celebrate, support one another and strengthen community ties for generations to come. I believe the new hall will serve Glatton extremely well and stand as a lasting testament to what can be achieved through shared effort and common purpose.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the project in any way—through funding, volunteering, professional advice, practical assistance or encouragement. The completion of the new hall is a collective achievement of which the whole village can be proud.

**There were no issues or matters arising from the meeting so far.**

Stephen closed the meeting and requested that all current committee members stand down.

## **Appointment and Election of the management committee (Trustees) 2026/2027**

There were no more additional volunteers from the public.

All current committee members are happy to stand again for another year.

The new committee members were then elected and are as follows:

**Stephen Smith – Chairman/Maintenance**

**Glenn Ford – Treasurer/Maintenance**

**Lisa Smith – Secretary**

**Sara Hunter-Dodds – Bookings Clerk**

**Emily Hempstead – Social Media & PR**

**Nick Pratt – Vice Chair & Technical**

**Both Stephen Smith and Glenn Ford have said they will only do one more year in the positions that they currently hold, but will stay on as trustees.**

**The meeting was then opened to the public.**

## **Open Meeting**

**Stephen** encouraged all members of the public present to voice any matters they wished to raise.

**Helen Ford** – no issues and is happy to assist with anything the hall requires and at functions etc. She also thanked the committee for doing a great job with the hall.

**Shabita** – Thanked everyone for all their efforts and has said she would be happy to help out with events if able to do so.

**Ray Jones** – Asked about the insurance value which is around £550K. The kitchen can be used for warming foods as fitted out with a single oven, and induction hob and a microwave. Also asked if there was a stage and although we do not have one at the moment, we will be looking at getting a

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removable stage so that it can be stored upstairs and hired out if required as and when we have built enough surplus funds. RJ asked about air conditioning and heating and this will be installed as soon as we have the official documentation from building control so that the last funds can be released from the National Lottery and the builders will then be able to complete the project with the installation.

RJ also suggested putting a maximum decibels into our terms and conditions and this is something we will look at doing over the next couple of months.

The defibrillator which was moved to the telephone box on the green whilst the hall was being rebuilt, will now be returned back to the village hall so that it is more accessible and can be monitored and kept up to date. **The defibrillator is not owned by the village hall and is 100 % under the Parish Council control.** Shabita has confirmed that she would be happy to be responsible for the log book and check for the defibrillator on behalf of the parish council.

CCTV was mentioned and again this is something we will be looking at in the future.

Parking was also discussed and certain events have had the permission of the parish council to park on the green behind the church. We are trying to ask the parish council if some of the green can be turned into parking with the use of some grids to stop cars from getting stuck however this is an ongoing request.

Ram asked about the echo in the hall, at present we do not have any plans to address this as so far there has not been an issue, however we may have to look at this in the future once the hall is being used more often and if we receive any feedback about this specifically.

A number of uses for the hall were discussed eg: badminton, table tennis and carpet bowls. We are very open minded to new suggestions but would require a volunteer to head this up and run the class each week if we were to go ahead with them.

## **AOB**

Coffee Ark return was discussed. Originally GF approached the Coffee Ark to ask if they wanted to come back and we were told that they were not sure if they wanted to, so in the meantime we have had another coffee bar approach us with the possibility of using the facilities and Sara said that she would be happy to run a coffee and craft morning every other week. Since then the coffee ark have approached us again and now want to come back so we have agreed to look at the days and timings for all and come up with a plan, as we don't believe that Glatton could host 2 coffee mornings each week. GF to co ordinate with the coffee ark and Sara with Matcha & Bean.

Emily has suggested we do an evening once a month and run it a bit like a WI evening with coffee, cake and maybe pilates, board games or painting EH will try and sort a first one to be tested out in September when everyone is back from the summer.

We have already quoted for 2 weddings next year @ £500 for hire from 12pm Friday to 12pm Sunday. Lots of people have said this is too cheap so we will need to look at reviewing this price up but will stand by the 2 that we have already quoted.

## **Next Events**

## **GLATTON VILLAGE HALL**

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Meet the Neighbours event through the summer with a strawberry afternoon tea. TBC

The First Shindig on the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Golf Day will be 24<sup>th</sup> September

Santa Grotto 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Date of the next meeting - TBA**

**The meeting ended at 8.45pm**

# Glatton Village Hall

Charity Registered Number 302636

Unaudited Annual report and financial statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

# GLATTON VILLAGE HALL

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**Charity Registered Number 302636 Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**Year to 31 December 2025**

|   | 2025        | 2024      |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>                   |             |           |
| Cash at bank                            |             |           |
| Business Account                        | 25,699.59   | 26,658.61 |
| Community Account                       | 1 1,323.91  | 2,637.05  |
| Development Account                     | 1 7,3 18.73 | 17,592.44 |
| Cash in hand                            | 0.00        | 0.00      |
|   | 54,342.23   | 46,888.10 |
| <b>Funds</b>                            |             |           |
| Reserves brought forward                |             | 41,340    |
| Excess expenditure)/income for the year | 7,454.13    | 5,548.56  |
|   | 54,342.23   | 46,888.10 |

## Glatton

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Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts of Glatton Village Hall for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 5 and 6

### Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2001 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the responsibility of the independent examiner to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b)) of The Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures within the accounts, and seeking explanation from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

*In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:*

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and to prepare accounts which accord the accounting records comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or

Helen Anderson  
The Gleanings  
Church Road

*In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:*

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and to prepare accounts which accord the accounting records comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Helen Anderson  
The Gleanings  
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Independent Examiner  
2 June 2026

Receipts and Payments

Year to 31 December 2025

Unrestricted funds

|                                  | £          | 2025<br>£         | £       | 2024<br>£        |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                  |            |                   |         |                  |
| Lettings                         |            |                   |         |                  |
| St Nicholas Church               | 0.00       |                   | 455.00  |                  |
| Parish Council                   | 80.00      |                   | 200.00  |                  |
| Golf Day                         | 780.00     |                   | 0.00    |                  |
| Polling Station                  | 400.00     |                   |         |                  |
| Shindig                          | 1304.99    |                   |         |                  |
| Bingo                            | 0.00       |                   | 1460.81 |                  |
| Yoga                             | 615.50     |                   | 690.00  |                  |
| Afternoon Tea                    | 750.18     |                   | 0.00    |                  |
| Other parties and functions      |            |                   | 1700.00 |                  |
|                                  |            | <b>3930.67</b>    |         | <b>4505.81</b>   |
| Other net receipts               |            |                   |         |                  |
| Donations received               | 0.00       |                   | 0.00    |                  |
| Interest received                | 511.59     |                   | 606.98  |                  |
| Buy A Brick                      | 1850.00    |                   | 1200.00 |                  |
| Xmas Fayre                       | 0.00       |                   | 582.00  |                  |
| Disposal                         | 148.00     |                   | 0.00    |                  |
| Table Top                        | 0.00       |                   | 413.72  |                  |
| D Day                            | 0.00       |                   | 3027.29 |                  |
| Quiz                             | 0.00       |                   | 1319.37 |                  |
| Afternoon Tea                    | 0.00       |                   | 336.75  |                  |
| Santas Grotto                    | 0.00       |                   | 506.61  |                  |
| Grant Income                     |            |                   |         |                  |
| Lottery Grant                    | 183,505.81 |                   |         |                  |
| CCC Grant                        | 40,000.00  |                   |         |                  |
| Garfield Weston Foundation Grant | 40,000.00  |                   |         |                  |
| CIL                              | 49,750.00  |                   |         |                  |
| Open Events                      |            |                   |         |                  |
|                                  |            | <b>315,765.40</b> |         | <b>7992.72</b>   |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>            |            | <b>319,696.07</b> |         | <b>12,498.53</b> |

**Payments**

## General Overheads

|   |                   |                 |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Water rates                                     | 287.75            | 202.53          |
| UK Power  | 3543.60           | 0.00            |
| Insurance                                       | 19.42             | 1,322.21        |
| Electricity                                     | 1189.13           | 1,200.13        |
| Cleaner   | 1560.00           | 1,640.00        |
| Building Costs                                  | 304,375.21        | 0.00            |
| Subscriptions                                   | 72.00             | 65.00           |
| Fire Safety Check                               | 0.00              | 1,687.36        |
| Legal costs                                     | 20.00             | 0.00            |
| Theatre Fees                                    | 0.00              | 0.00            |
| Cleaning materials                              | 0.00              | 98.00           |
| Council tax                                     | 1.36              | 83.57           |
| Legal costs                                     | 0.00              | 115.68          |
| Deposit return                                  | 70.00             | 250.00          |
| Events expenses                                 | 1,103.47          | 285.49          |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                           | <b>312,241.94</b> | <b>6,949.97</b> |
| <b>Excess (expenditure) income for the year</b> | <b>7,454.13</b>   | <b>5,548.56</b> |