

Blunham Village Hall CIO

Registered Charity No. 1183856

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of **Blunham Village Hall CIO** will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 29 January 2026

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Blunham Village Hall

Members are invited to attend to consider the ordinary and special business set out below.

Important Information for Members

The trustees wish to reassure members that **Blunham Village Hall is currently operating as normal** and that there is **no intention to close the Hall at this time**.

The inclusion of a special resolution relating to the possible winding down of the charity reflects the trustees' responsibility to plan prudently in light of ongoing difficulties in recruiting volunteers and trustees to fill essential governance and operational roles.

The proposed resolution does **not** mean that closure is expected or imminent. It is intended solely to provide the trustees with delegated authority to act efficiently **only if** a final recruitment campaign, running until **31 March 2026**, is unsuccessful.

The trustees remain fully committed to the continuation of the Village Hall and are actively seeking new volunteers and trustees to secure its long-term future. Members' support and involvement are strongly encouraged.

Ordinary Business

1. To appoint a Chair for the meeting.
 2. To receive the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 4 April 2025.
 3. To receive and consider the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 4 April 2025.
 4. To receive an update from the trustees on governance and trustee recruitment.
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Special Business

Special Resolution 1 – Delegated Authority to Wind Down the Charity if Recruitment Is Unsuccessful

Proposed as a Special Resolution

“That the members authorise the trustees, without the need for any further AGM or public meeting, to commence the winding down and dissolution of the charity in accordance with its constitution if the essential roles of Chair, Booking Clerk, Secretary and Event Co-ordinator have not been successfully filled by **31 March 2026**.

In such circumstances, the trustees will hold a short final trustees’ meeting to formally confirm the decision and to implement the dissolution process, including notification to stakeholders, cancellation of bookings, disposal of assets in accordance with the constitution, and submission of final accounts and closure documentation.”

Special Resolution 2 – Removal of the ‘Three Consecutive Terms’ Rule for Trustees

Proposed as a Special Resolution

“That clause 16 of the constitution, including the imposition of a limit of three consecutive terms for trustees, be deleted and replaced with the following wording:

‘Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation or by giving notice to the CIO is eligible for reappointment. A retiring trustee shall be eligible for reappointment and may serve for an unlimited number of consecutive terms.’

This change will allow experienced trustees to continue serving where this is in the best interests of the charity and will support continuity during the current recruitment challenges.”

Voting and Attendance

Each member present has one vote.

Special resolutions require a **75% majority** of votes cast in order to be passed, in accordance with the CIO constitution.

By order of the trustees

Signed: _____

Name: Robin Boothby

Position: Treasurer

Date of notice: [insert date of circulation]