

GVHT Meeting – 22nd October 2025

Apologies – Shirley Evatt, Anne Raitt, Richard Brand

Present – Gary McGregor, Lee Robinson, Phillp White, Sarah Ramsay, Tom Edmonds

Minutes from last meeting and matters arising;

RB had done some Instagram advertising research, had tried some paid advertising on Instagram for weddings and will report back

SR had progressed Friends of Hall and there had been a good response, some people had mentioned to Gary they would prefer to make a single donation rather than set up direct debit. TE suggested we could claim gift aid for donations. GM had done some initial research and questioned if we had an HMRC online account. It was thought we currently are not but TE will progress and see what is required. ACTION TE

Adam Holm singer songwriter – Gary went back to him but has had no response.

Thanks to Lee for arranging maintenance day to clear back of hall – worked well with a good turnout. It was suggested we should try to do it more often to keep it under control.

Finance Update

Tom will send Shirley info to add to minutes.

Conversation around electricity use as supplier suggesting we need to be paying £300 per month which is a considerable increase on the current £112 – can we work out what and is the lothian broadband router using it all and therefore should we be asking them to take it out.

Friends of the Hall – 16 sign ups so far, £110 per month as well as significant single donations.

PW also updated that not all residents in the village claim the Rural Winter support allowance from GMCC and so next year they will look to include options to donate the allowance to either Garvald or Morham Village Hall.

Works Update

Thanks to Shirley for all her efforts so far, very much appreciated her ongoing tenacity. SR asked if whilst we continue to wrestle with the windows and the ongoing bureaucracy, should we also consider any other aspects of the building, eg leaking roof between main hall and back corridor. Could we look to action anything else concurrently, not necessarily suggesting this also falls to SE? Conversation to be had with SE for guidance in first instance.

General

GM had raised at CC meeting with George McGuire the cost of permit for orchard was excessive – George will feedback.

AGM scheduled for 11th November, David Walls talking about the Spanish Civil War afterwards with Cheese and Wine.

Christmas Fair – 30th November – there will be 12 tables at £30 each.

There had been a request for the Garvald Craft club that their table could be subsidised as 'locals' however it was felt that given they have funding due from GMCC, this could cover the cost and therefore the £30 charge would stand.

AGM – set up at 7 pm on the night, SR to provide cheese and wine as per usual.