



Friends of Wressle Village Hall 23rd February 2026 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

Present: Diane Heritage, Sarah Oakden, Chris Reid, Jane Walker, Jane Walton, Neil Dale, Karen Leggett. Apologies: Jackie Ross & Paula Tunbridge Absent: Amy Lawson

1. Welcome and Agenda

Diane welcomed everyone, especially new members Karen & Neil, with apologies from Jackie Ross and Paula Tunbridge. Diane gave a brief overview of how FoWVH group formed and the group's initial Terms of Reference. The consensus is that we need a list of names of 'core group' FoWVH members, who attend the regular meetings and are involved in the organisation and running of FoWVH events, alongside an additional list of 'willing helpers', as there are many folk in the village who help with VH events on an ad hoc basis but do not attend the regular planning meetings.

2. Feedback on Games Night & Fish & Chip Supper

a) Games Night was enjoyed by all and it was decided to repeat the Games Night in September, but to put on a max of 2 of these per year. It's appreciated that Paula and Bram were fantastic contributors to both Games Nights, supplying and leading on a great range of games. We wondered if Paula might like to lead the next Games Night?

b) Fish & Chip Supper made a profit of £2 per head. There was positive feedback from villagers who came and Diane had positive notes through her door. Quizzes were fun. We might organise another F&C supper in October, but that's not likely to be subsidised by P.C. and could therefore be c.£15 per head. The supper is viable once there are 40 people paying to come. 65 attended the last event. Chris Ross paid funds into the bank & Steve Young (P.C. clerk) paid the bill.

3. Update on meeting with Parish Council

Paula attended the last Parish Council Meeting (20.01.26) and her detailed notes were circulated by email on 22.01.26 to all core members:

- The float can be used to buy sundry requirements and the PCC have approved that the FOVH can spend up to £50 from the float. Copies of any receipts should be sent to Steve Young on WhatsApp to his mobile which is 07546 223358. Authorisation for any additional spend above £50 should be requested from PCC.
- To avoid incurring additional bank charges for depositing cash, FOWVH will give any cash taken (in excess of the £100 float) to Chris Ross (P.C. member). Steve Young (Parish Clerk) will be informed by email of the amounts that are being deposited and for which event.
- PC agreed costs for purchase of new tablecloth fabric up to £100. Sarah purchased the fabric and sewed green gingham tablecloths before the Fish & Chip supper event, then sent the receipt to Steve Young, who reimbursed her.
- The PCC have agreed to support the process to get a quote for getting WIFI connection into the VH. Chris Reed to progress paperwork and share with David Hunt.
- PCC members suggested that FOWVH consider the following:
New curtains for the ladies toilet and vanity unit; Spring deep clean of VH crockery and cutlery
a stocktake of cutlery (understanding that we might need to purchase some more); Letter to new residents to include a link to S Young and PCC

One of the FoWVH Core Group attends each Parish Council meeting to bridge communications & work with the P.C.

- *Action: Chris Reid to attend next P.C. meeting & Paula (tbc)*

4. Looking after the village hall (& T.O.R.)

Jane Walker, Tony & David Hunt have in the past done a lot of the village hall caretaking, but as events increase in number Jane suggests a caretaking sub-group might like to help with these chores. Jane had made a list of caretaking issues. FoWVH core group members are mindful of PC ongoing responsibilities for running of village hall. However, FoWVH want to show support so plan to meet for a one-off spring-cleaning session, to assist with inventory check and cleaning of kitchen et.c.

- *Action: FoWVH and 'willing helpers' to do a 'Village Hall Spring Clean' Sat 25th April 2-4.30pm*
- *Jane to liaise with David Hunt re. other caretaking issues*

5. Website and wi-fi & comms update

PCC website now links to VH website.

Wressle Parish Council members are in the process of becoming trustees of the village hall. For reference, FoWVH core group would like to know what PC members' responsibilities will be, in relation to maintenance of the village hall, especially regarding application for internet connection to the village hall building, which is not currently recognised as a building eligible for connection. Chris reiterated that it is the Parish Council's remit to get the village hall recognised as a building eligible for connection to the internet. FoWVH recognise that people won't want to hire the hall if they can't operate wi-fi to take payment. We have witnessed stall holders having to go outside of the village hall building to take payment from customers!

- *Action: Chris Reid to reiterate the need for PC to take the initiative in applying for the village hall building to be registered for internet connectivity. Chris to send David Hunt (P.C. chair) the link and phone number to pursue connection.*

PAYG phone not up & running yet, but we hope to use this for next event.

- *Action: Jane Walker phone set-up*

6. East Riding Village Hall conference - 'Staying on Top' 13th March

- *Action: Chris Reid will attend conference & feedback*

7. Plan for future events organisation, who will support and agreed actions.

a) Open Mic Night - Friday 17th April from 7.30pm Neil Dale leading on this event.

Bring your own drinks. Voluntary contributions container. Willing volunteers to help set up & clear away – further organisational detail later.

- *Action: Neil will touch base with potential performers who'd like to perform on the night. Neil will compere on the night & make a list of performers on the night as they arrive.*
- *Jane Walton will design flyer (Come & Watch/Support/ Join in') and post on facebook*
- *Chris will upload flyer to website*

b) Curry & Quiz Night – 11th July (leads Paula & Neil)

£30 per person 3 course meal, buffet style. Platters supplied by Serj & quiz. Serj will pay for hire of hall & take bookings direct to himself. (Neil offered to take cash payments & pay cook t.b.c.) Bookings will be by 26th/27th June (tbc). Numbers 40 – 60 max. Neil meeting Serj next Sunday 1 Mar. FoWVH & willing volunteers set up hall on night & clear away. Run fun raffle, asking people to donate prizes. Tickets £1 per. strip.

- *Action: Neil to check price per child ... £20? and ask for menu details. Also find out when link is going live for advance bookings.*

Marketing - Start advertising in April.

- *Action: Jane Walton will design flyer with link to booking (Paula has some sample posters). Jane will forward flyer to Serj & he'll also promote the event.*
- *Action: Use Chris's new 'A' board for promo in the village. Posters to village noticeboards.*

8. Other possible events for Summer/Autumn 2026

Hog Roast /BBQ in summer with salad

- *Action: Diane in contact with 'Happy Hogs Catering Yorkshire' – will send menus & prices for FoWVH to consider*

West End performances – December tbc.

- *Action: Neil to get further info re. West End performers*

Dancing evening

- *Research 'Feathersteps' tutoring prices (info from Paula)*

A.O.B. Tablecloths for small square village hall tables

- *Action: Sarah to work out amount of fabric to purchase and cost of making 7 more small tablecloths*

Next Friends of Wressle Village Hall Meeting: Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm in the village hall

Core Members of Friends of Wressle Village Hall

Diane Heritage – Chair

Jane Walker – Booking clerk and email coms

Sarah Oakden – Secretary

Chris Reid – web manager and coms

Jane Walton – facebook coms

Jackie Ross – inclusion & access

Paula Tunbridge – Comms link with booking clerk

Neil Dale

Karen Leggett