



Friends of Wressle Village Hall 12th May 2026 7.30pm at Wishbone Cottage

Present: Diane Heritage, Sarah Oakden, Chris Reid, Jane Walton, Neil Dale, Jackie Ross.

Apologies: Jane Walker, Paula Tunbridge,

Welcome minutes and agenda

Diane welcomed everyone, with apologies from Jane Walker & Paula Tunbridge.

1. Review of recent events:

Open Mic Night - Friday 17th April - This had good feedback and performers have also asked when the next event will be. Friday 25th September was chosen as the next Open Mic date. It was mentioned that issues with microphone not working clearly could be improved for the next event, plus consideration of purchasing/hiring a Hearing Loop for inclusivity. The interval could have been earlier, midway in the evening with the opportunity for performers to do an encore after the break. £50 was received in donations for tea & coffee and it was agreed that soft drinks could also be sold along with sweets at the next event to augment takings.

- *Action: Purchase soft drink cans & sweets at wholesale price [Jane Walton]*
- *Action: Research cost and suitability of gaining a one-off license to sell alcohol at the next Open Mic night [Diane/Chris]*
- *Action: Look into the detail of purchasing/hiring a Hearing Loop [Jackie Ross]*

Village Hall Spring Clean - Sat 25th April 2.00 – 3.30pm

FOWVH plus willing volunteers, including one member of the PC, worked hard as a group of eight, to clear out, clean and reorganise the kitchen cupboards. Random items were recycled or taken to the tip to make the storage space within cupboards clearer. An inventory was made of crockery and cutlery and a list of items affixed inside cupboards along with photos, to encourage kitchen users to keep cupboards tidy. The table & chairs storage cupboard was organised and photos of a safe storage arrangement affixed inside the cupboard doors as a guide for users. A leak was identified under the kitchen sink. Thanks to David Hunt (PC) for fixing the leak subsequently. Coleen Millward (PC) has agreed to arrange for the cooker to be cleaned.

2. **Updated Terms of Reference** Diane & Sarah had reworded and circulated FoWVH 'Terms Of Reference' which were approved unanimously by the group, giving clarity on the focus of FoWVH namely to:

'work collaboratively to promote activities for local residents [...] and 'maximise opportunities for residents to meet, take part in and enjoy a wide range of activities' The TOR is to be reviewed June 2027 and has been shared with the PC.

Whilst financial responsibility rests with VH trustees (Parish Councillors) regarding the village hall building & its hire, FoWVH also hope to contribute some funds & therefore need to

understand the balance between hall hire fees and running costs. For this reason Diane & Jane attended the last PC meeting.

3. **Update on meeting to agree VH hire costs with the Parish Council**

Diane & Jane had attended on 17.03.26 to gain insight and clarity regarding village hall financial matters especially pricing of VH hire fees on the PC meeting agenda.

Following the last Parish Council meeting their revised hall hire charges & application form for hire of the building were published. FoWVH discussed these new hire fees (12.5.26) expressing surprise and concern at the steep increase in rates and raising concern that some regular local groups currently using the village hall for their activities might not be able to afford the new rates. It is noted that the newly published 'Charitable Objects of Wressle Village' published on the PC website <https://www.wresslepc.co.uk/> include recognition of the village hall being ...

[...] FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF WRESSLE IN THE COUNTY OF YORK [...] FOR MEETINGS LECTURES AND CLASSES AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

The Parish Council have agreed to pay for the website that Chris has set up and has been funding himself so far.

- *Action: Chris Reid to put a link on <https://wresslevillagehall.org/> to connect to information about PC meetings <https://www.wresslepc.co.uk/> with FoWVH and other community events.*

4. **East Riding Village Hall Network** (Chris) It was agreed there'd be value in joining this network in future, to be reconsidered in 3 months' time.

5. **'Cinema For All'** (Chris)

The idea of organising film screenings alongside themed supper events was discussed.

FoWVH are enthusiastic about this idea however, the initial set up costs including licensing, equipment hire et.c. were considered, and it was agreed to discuss this again in about 3 months' time, when funding pathways are clearer. We also agreed that for all events FoWVH aim to improve advertising & marketing of events to be noticed by the maximum number of villagers.

6. **Possible Grant Funding** (Diane)

Diane has been researching grant funding re. the village hall as a 'community hub' for wellbeing & health-giving activities, including social events providing opportunities for members of the community to meet together for mutual benefit.

- *Action: Diane to contact Steve Young (Parish Clerk) to discuss the idea of applying for community grant funding & arrange to meet him with Chris Reid.*

7. **Plan for future events** organisers, marketing, who will support timings and agreed actions.

Jane Walton has created & printed a flyer 'What's going on at Wressle village hall? To be delivered to all houses in the village & an enlarged colour version to be put up on noticeboards as well as facebook and the website.

- ✓ *Action: FoWVH all to distribute flyers across the village, Sarah to print & display a large colour version on village noticeboards, Jane Walton to post to several village facebook groups, Chris to post on website.*

Line Dancing 12th June – Contact phone number to be added to fliers. Voluntary contribution box on the door and for non-alcoholic refreshments.

Action: Jane Walton to do refreshments on the night & buy fruit squash plus lemonade (to be reimbursed). Jane to arrange willing volunteers to assist her.

Curry & Quiz Night – Saturday 11th July 6pm for 6.30pm sit down - (Neil & Paula)
19 people have registered interest in this supper, to date. Gusharan will send a link for payment when final numbers are confirmed.

➤ *Action: Neil to contact Jane Walker to get the event on the village hall calendar*

Talk on ‘Boxster the Bull’ by Kate MacNeil Fri 4.9.26 - organiser Neil
£5 to include refreshments

➤ *Action: Jane Walton to design promo poster*

➤ *Action: Neil aiming to get sponsorship for this event*

Fish and Chip Supper – Fri 16th Oct. Food at 6.45pm – organiser Diane & ...

West end singer, Adam Lacey can no longer perform in November ‘26 & would prefer a different date.

➤ *Action: Neil contact Adam and ask if a date in Jan/Feb 2027 would suit or autumn 2027?*

Walking for health group event walking around locally – with tea/ coffee in village hall at the finish.
Details to be discussed further

➤ *Action: Chris to look into potential route & timing*

New Years Eve Party - *Action: Date to be put on village hall calendar, Diane to contact Jane.*

A.O.B.

Mobile Phone is ready for use thanks to Jane Walker. It’s in petty cash box. Whoever has the phone can top it up at Tesco by voucher. Interested parties can text us to ask about events & book etc. The mobile No: 07826 761947

Tablecloths– Sarah has purchased more green gingham fabric and sewn remaining tablecloths for the 7 small square village hall tables. Steve Young has reimbursed the cost of the fabric straight away.

Action: Sarah to purchase a plastic storage box with sealable lid to store tablecloths in the kitchen

Next Friends of Wressle Village Hall Meeting: Tuesday 30th June at 7.30pm at VH or Diane’s if vh booked

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 Neil Dale
Jackie Ross – inclusion & access Paula Tunbridge – Comms link with booking clerk

Willing Helpers for Wressle Village Hall Events

Amy Lawton	Karen Leggett	Marina Reed	Jan Reid	Bram Tunbridge
Guy Longbottom	Heather Longbottom	Thomas Zugic	Chris Ross	Jules Freeman
Sue Powdrill	Steven Oakden	Richard Simpson	Jane Slater	Russell Heritage