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THE PARISH MEETING

NEEDS YOU!

Please attend

18th MAY 2026

7.30pm

**CAVENDISH VILLAGE HALL,
BEELEY**

AGENDA

1. Attendees
2. Notes from 19th May 2025
3. Updates including the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, Heritage Group, Beeley WI, Duke's Barn, St Anne's Church and Neighbourhood Watch
4. Suggestions for next year
5. Any Other Business

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PARISH MEETING NOTES

For the meeting on 19th May 2025 in Cavendish Village Hall, Beeley at 7.30pm

1. Attendees

- Cllr Robert Webster
- Cllr Chris Hornsby
- Cllr Chris Mills
- Cllr Pete Rowbotham
- Cllr Elizabeth Gravil
- Cllr Susan Hobson
- Cllr Kath Potter
- Rev'd Mark Griffin
- Rupert Turner
- Sue Mills
- Elizabeth Blundell
- John Miley
- Jackie Evans
- John Verdicchio
- Guy Buckley
- Jason Higginson
- Siobhan Spencer
- David Spencer
- Robert Gregory
- Richard Torr
- Peter Morton
- Sarah Porter

Apologies:

- PC Shaun Jakins
- PCSO Anthony Boswell

2. Notes of meeting on 20th May 2024 were noted.

3. Updates:

St Anne's Church, Beeley

Rev'd Mark Griffin said it has been a good year. The church has a new carpet, new card machine, plans for a new kitchen and looking into a churchyard extension as only 10 graves spaces left. Family Communion continues to be a good service on the first Sunday of the month. The next is the Pet Service coming up in June. Mark greatly enjoyed the Christmas Eve service. The church will be involved with Beeley in Bloom. There is a great link between the community in church and community in village and great support. Rupert Turner thanked Mark for all his work over the year.

Village Hall Committee

4 things to touch on:

1. Purpose of hall – Charitable objectives "For the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Beeley in the County of Derby without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use 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" – this means to raise funds, maintain the building and site, manage the building (utilities) and bookings. The trustees are Robert Webster, Elizabeth Gravil, Siobhan Spencer (Treasurer) and Richard Torr (Chairman and Booking Clerk). This is a 99-year-old building. Next year centenary which will be celebrated. Uses are Parish meetings, yoga group, fitness classes, Heritage Group, WI, quizzes, art groups, art displays and events, functions, local elections, etc. Derbyshire Open Arts next weekend. Looking for ideas for other things, more music?
2. Finances – Not yet submitted last year's account. The breakdown is £7,500 raised in hire, £4,000 from Beeley in Bloom. On top of this there are grants which Siobhan applies for. Operating costs are £9,500. £2000 to accumulate for projects. Reserve account of £6,000. The hall has a fundraising dependency, and the goal is to increase income from more uses to reduce this dependency. Hopefully will reduce expenditure through the solar panels. First village quiz in 2023 raised £540 for the church. Thanks to John Miley for being the quiz master.
3. Projects over the last year or so
 - a. Solar panels – funded through multiple years of Beeley in Bloom and National Lottery Grant. Should have started last August but started in October and not finished until January and still some snagging to sort.
 - b. Orchard Management project – registered with the Peoples Trust for an ancient orchard with protected species. Grants received. Fruit tree expert, Ian Webster, is assisting. Boundary wall at the end and future management plan is being looked at to include more education and recreational use, identify the trees and interpretation. Hoping to hold an Apple Day on 18th October.
4. Future – Cllr Webster is doing a monthly maintenance check, plan to tile and decorate the toilets, Beeley in Bloom in June with 300 ducks in duck race, Autumn quiz on 11th October. Hoping to hold a Christmas Festival of light and light up the exterior of village Hall and Church by lighting up the trees. Will be setting up a meeting with the church.

Need suggestions. Lost a yoga group. Thank you to Richard for doing bookings and Richard Elliott

for the sign on the gate. Thanks to Siobhan for all she does. Good group of Trustees.

Duke's Barn

Jason Higginson, Centre Manager, explained that they hope to extend into the adjoining barn next year. Planning has been submitted, and the permission is still being negotiated. The entire project will cost around £500,000. Raised about £70,000. Not yet started grant applications as need the planning consent. There should be no impact to the village, if anything a slight reduction in coaches.

The Old Smithy

Izzi has enjoyed becoming part of the community and welcoming everyone to the Smithy. She has almost been here a year and is holding a pizza van night on the anniversary of the opening which is 22nd June. She has held a few events over the year and supported many raffles. The village thanked her for running the Smithy.

Parish Council

Reasonably good year with a bit of maintenance on the recreation ground. The Council is working well for the community. Cllr Webster said it was a privilege to be the Chairman. Cllrs thanked him and the good Clerk.

4. Suggestions for next year
Centenary event at the Village Hall to be supported by all.
5. Any Other Business
None

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