

## Trustees report for 2024/25

**Charity name:** Finmere Village Hall and Playing Fields (CIO)

**Charity registration number:** 1168895

**Address:** Finmere Village Hall, Water Stratford Road, Finmere MK18 4AT

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### **Trustees:**

Illa Moss – Chair

Phillip Rushforth - Finance and Bookings secretary

Paul Nash – Secretary

Pat White

Steve Trice

### **Management committee:**

Above trustees

Trevor Jones

**Type of governing document:** Constitution (2016)

### **Objectives:**

It is the objective of the CIO to manage the village hall and playing field and to promote the facilities for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Finmere (“area of benefit”) without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions the provision of facilities for recreation, sport and play or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

### **Organisation structure:**

The management committee operates on behalf of the Finmere Parish Council, who are the owners of the lands upon which the village hall and playing fields are located. All committee members give their services to the committee on a voluntary basis and received no remuneration or other benefits.

### **Activities report for 2024/25:**

#### **Principle activities in pursuit of objectives**

The hall continues to be used on a regular basis by a number of organisations and additionally enjoys a healthy bookings calendar.

The Playing fields have continued to require maintenance and the trustees’ thanks go to Alan & Trevor Jones who spend many hours throughout the year looking after the playing field.

Thanks also go to Emily Ackland and Bernadette Ballantyne for their work on the management committee.

### **Funding strategy and reserves policy**

The hall management strategy is to maintain the revenue budget on a self-financing basis i.e., lettings. As part of this policy and with the assistance of a local grant, an array of solar panels linked to an energy storage system have now been installed.

### **Volunteer contributions, Grants and Fundraising**

The trustees thank the hall management committee for their work during the year. The trustees thank the Finance and Bookings secretary for diligence in applying for grants as they become available and managing the positive bank balance, as a result that the hall continues to have sufficient funds and reserves for day-to-day expenses, and to continue to consider a variety of possible improvements.

The Village Hall Management Committee continues to operate under an informal and temporary authority from the Parish Council. The committee continues to believe that this arrangement represents an issue that should be resolved, at some point by the Parish Council.

### **Future plans**

The core activity of the hall and playing fields management is the delivery of a sustainable, safe and high-quality community building for the use and benefit of the village.