

BEACON VILLAGES COMMUNITY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 30th June 2026 at 10.00am in the Library.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Janet Page, secretary, welcomed the attendees: Richard Everitt (treasurer), Sheena Bexson (Ivinghoe Parish Councillor), Linda Smith, Sue Sheard, Lynne Caulfield, Fiona Higgins, Jo Locke, Gloria Snowdon, Mary Saintey and Helen Chapman.

2. Appointment of Chair for the meeting.

Janet proposed that Richard should chair the meeting. This was agreed.

3. Apologies for absence were received from Colin Arney, Sam Lincoln, Jun Ranger, Lesley Horlock, Amber Churchouse-Cook, Mary Glendinning.

4. Minutes of the AGM held on 5th July 2025. These had been posted on the website and were agreed as a true record.

5. Reports: All reports were published on the website ahead of the meeting and copies were available to attendees.

(a) Library Report: Janet presented a brief report on the working of the library over the past year, starting by thanking those people who had left since our last AGM. Avril Davies had stood down as chair, prior to moving out of the area, and Colin Arney also resigned as Treasurer ahead of his relocation. Michelle West had left the library service following the restructure by Buckinghamshire Council, thus leaving us without a paid manager and Rob Peck also resigned from the committee when he moved to Cornwall. However, we now have a team of excellent volunteers, who have willingly taken on more tasks; we hosted an author event and recently had a stall at the Ivinghoe and Pitstone summer fete. We have increased our social media presence and are making positive efforts to engage with the local community. We have a bright future ahead.

(b) Treasurer: Richard presented his report and the Accounts: He started by paying tribute to Colin Arney who kept meticulous accounts over many of years. He also thanked Dave Nicholls for auditing the accounts once again. The deficit for the year of £2535 was considerably less than that for 2024/2025, largely due to the Council staffing review mid-way through the year, thus reducing our outgoings for the manager's wages. Our current Resource grant which was based on us being open for 24 hours a week, is coming to the end of its term. We currently open 15 hours a week. Together with inflationary pressures we can expect further demands on our depleting reserves in the foreseeable future.

6. Accounts and Reports were approved by the meeting.

7. Election of the management committee.

The following agreed to serve on the committee for the following year, and there being no further nominations, this was accepted by the meeting. It was noted we may co-opt at any time.

Treasurer – Richard Everitt

Secretary – Janet Page.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15 am.

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