

**Minutes of a Meeting of Barton under Needwood Parish Council as Sole Trustee of  
Barton under Needwood Village Hall, registered charity number 502046  
Held on 7 March 2024, 6.30pm, Robert Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr E Sharkey (Chairman)

Cllr J Brookes

Cllr L Young

Cllr I Gilbey

Cllr J Taylor

Cllr S Naylor

Cllr C Alcock

Cllr S Bedford

Cllr C Walker

Cllr K McInerney (arrived 18.41)

In Attendance: Mrs S Rumsby (Minutes)

Apologies: Cllr D Lord

Village Hall Management Committee Representatives: S. van Daesdonk; L Bennett

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Previous Minutes of the Trustee meeting of 7 December 2023 were accepted.
3. Financial Report and Year End Annual Report Accounts:  
**Resolved** to accept and sign Year End Annual Report & Accounts.

4. Committee Update:

Report circulated. Increase in running costs means that £59K would be required to keep the hall viable with current hire costs. £5m fund announced will be available from government to assist village halls.

Solar panels and fans to circulate are heat being looked at. Advice to be taken on boiler efficiency. Sound system improvements may also attract more visitors along with a hearing loop and funding from ESBC's Ward Enhancement scheme will be looked at.

Resignation of Siobhan Rumsby received to be replaced by Tamsyn Whitmore – an online booking system will be introduced. Thanks were expressed to Siobhan.

Councillors were asked to come forward with help in any areas of expertise such as looking into a Hive system.

5. Dates of future meetings – 2024: 6 June; 5 September, 5 December  
- Meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Accepted on ..... Signed .....