

**Barkham Village Residents Association**

**Agenda for the 38th Annual General Meeting**

**At 7.30pm Thursday 15 January 2026**

**Barkham Village Hall**

1. Attendees and apologies
2. Review and approval of minutes of previous AGM held on 7 November 2024
3. Acting Chairman's report
4. Treasurer's report and accounts
5. Membership report
6. Distribution report
7. Newsletter report
8. Webmaster's report
9. Social report
10. DevWatch report
11. Election of officers for 2026
12. AOB
13. Date of next meeting

# **Barkham Village Residents Association**

## **Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting**

At 7.30pm on Thursday 15 January 2026

Barkham Village Hall

**Present:** Alan Edwards (AE), Simon Goldring (SG), Dennis Eyriey (DE), Gill Powell (GP), Cathy Whittington (CW).

**Apologies:** Louise Goldring (LG), Shirley Warner, Dave Clements (DC), Jim Butler (JB)

**Residents attending:** - Jon Tupman (JP)

### **1. Attendees and Apologies**

- a. SG (acting Chair), welcomed everyone to the AGM. Apologies were noted as above.

### **2. Previous Minutes and Actions**

- a. Decisions and actions from previous AGM held 7 November 2024 had been circulated in advance.
- b. No new matters were identified and all previous Actions were agreed as complete or addressed in the agenda.
- c. The approval of the minutes of the previous AGM was proposed by DE, seconded by AE and accepted by all and signed by SG as acting Chairman.

### **3. Chairman's report (SG acting)**

- a. SG provided a verbal report to the meeting as follows :
  - i. The BVRA continues to operate due to the hard work of a small number of individuals on the committee and the equally important group on the social committee and the distributors group. Without these people the BVRA would cease to exist. It is disappointing that once again we are calling for more volunteers to be involved.
  - ii. The reports to the AGM set out our activities from the last period and our plans going forward. I am pleased to report that we have decided to maintain the subscription rate at £3 for another year.

### **4. Treasurer's report and Accounts (CW)**

- a. CW presented the Treasurer report and balance sheet as previously circulated. Reference was specifically made to:
  - i. This financial period is for 15 months from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2025. Future periods will be for 12 months from 1 January.
  - ii. BVRA funds at 31/12/2025 were £7,062.85 (30/09/2024 £6,914.49).
  - iii. The excess of Income over expenditure was £294.07 for the period to 31/12/25 (£699.82 for the year to 30/09/24). Our social events have been well attending with the quiz night and skittles evening making profits to support our Carols in the Park and Easter egg community events. We are pleased to report that the income from subscriptions has increased to £1,423.20 for the current period which is £48.02 higher than the year to 30/09/24.
  - iv. The Independent Person – Tim Lelliott has reviewed and signed off the accounts. The thanks of the BVRA are recorded for his work on the accounts.
  - v. The Accounts approval was proposed by AE and seconded by GP. ACTION: AGREED
  - vi. *Subsequent to the meeting it was agreed that a gift costing up to £20 would be given to Tim Lelliott in thanks of his review. SG to arrange this.*

### **5. Membership report (DC)**

- a. The number of paid members increased slightly from 488 in 2024 to 496 in 2025.

- b. The reduction in members from years prior to 2024 is mostly attributed to the move away from collecting cash payments on the doorstep.
- c. Collecting from non-direct debit payers continues to take significant effort, involving email and paper reminders to households. We encourage all members to pay either by direct debit or pay when the initial email request is sent. Also please ensure we have an up-to-date email address – we currently have 40 members where we do not hold an email address
- d. In 2025 only paid-up members have received all four editions of the newsletter. This will continue in 2026 with all residents getting the spring edition with the remaining editions being for paid up members. Membership fees are being kept at £3 for 2026.
- e. Pursue the recruitment of a permanent membership secretary

#### 6. Distribution Report (LG and SG)

- a. We would like to start by thanking all the volunteer distributors and wholesalers whose time and efforts allow the quarterly BVRA newsletter to be distributed in a timely manner.
- b. We currently have 31 distributors and 4 wholesalers with a number of people covering more than one round and/or role.
- c. We are always interested in finding new members to join the team and encourage all residents to consider if they are able to help.
- d. As with last year, only paid-up members have received all four editions of the newsletter, with the Spring edition having a wider circulation to try and attract/retain Members.
- e. We continue to handle payments by cheque and cash to give Members as much flexibility as possible in payment options.
- f. The annual distributor party, as a thank you to Distributors and Wholesalers, was held in July and was enjoyed by all those who were able to attend. Thanks to the Social Committee for their efforts arranging this event.

#### 7. Newsletter report (AE)

- a. All four issues of the Newsletter were created, printed and distributed without any major issues during the year. The Spring issue was delivered to some 800 homes and the other issues to fully paid-up members, around 500.
- b. As agreed at the last AGM we continue to use our current printers, Solopress. Our only gripe with them is the packaging, which, despite complaints, is always on the ragged edge but not enough get damaged to be concerned. If any arrive damaged, they will re-print, as they have when there has been a shortfall.

#### 8. Webmaster's report (DC)

- a. Maintained the BVRA website, Facebook Page and Group, BVRA membership and mailing systems.
- b. All events publicised on the website and Facebook Page
- c. Past newsletters available to read / download on the website
- d. Emailed out the DevWatch alerts and made past alerts available on the website
- e. Email newsletters to interested parties
- f. Ensured software kept up to date
- g. Once again thanks go to Bob Bishop for hosting our website at no cost to the BVRA

#### 9. Social report (GP)

- a. Since the last AGM in November 2024, we have not increased the number of social events we arrange due to the continuing lack of volunteers.
- b. Events held -
  - i. We held the Carols in the Park in The Junipers on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025, accompanied in both cases by The Breakaway Brass Band.
  - ii. The Easter Egg Hunt was held on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 and the family skittles on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025
  - iii. This was followed by a BBQ to thank the Newsletter distributors on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025

- iv. Finally, we held our always popular Quiz on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Steve and Jan Richardson were once again our excellent quizmasters and have agreed to do the same in 2026.
- c. Events planned for 2026 - The Village Hall has been booked for the 3 events that take place there each year, the Family Skittles has been booked for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026, the Distributors party has been booked for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026 and the Quiz Evening has been booked for 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

10. DevWatch Report (DE)

- a. During 2025 we have remained busy – with 20 Alerts having been sent out during the year.
- b. We live in an increasingly developed area – and the pressure from both the Government and developers to increase the amount of residential development remains acute despite the pressure that that puts on roads and other infrastructure.
- c. We covered progress on the draft Local Plan which, following a public hearing, is now with the Government appointed inspectors for comment.
- d. There has been a stream of new housing applications in, or adjacent to, our area – and, in particular, the first two planning applications on Hall Farm, aka Loddon Garden Village, have been put in.
- e. Consent was granted on appeal for the large housing development off Blagrove and Evendons Lanes.
- f. Ongoing tasks - Monitoring progress on the draft Local Plan and reporting on new applications and on the outcome of appeals

11. Election of Officers 2026

- a. All those currently on the BVRA Committee (including those in acting roles) have indicated a willingness to continue.
- b. Other nominations were invited from the Meeting. JP agreed to take on the role of Distribution Secretary subject to the review of the work load. He was proposed for this role by AE and seconded by GP.
- c. The Committee were re-elected.

12. AOB

The Chair invited AOB items. None were raised.

13. Date of next meeting

The Date of the next Meeting to be held in January 2027 is to be agreed. ACTION - BVRA Committee

The meeting closed at 19.53

Signed:

Date:

Chairperson



## AGM report 2026

Name: Cathy Whittington

Role: Treasurer

Meeting Date: 15 January 2026

### Completed tasks/activities

- The Constitution and Rules adopted at the 2023 AGM gives the Management Team power to change the BVRA's financial year. Using that power, the Management Team decided in 2024 that the financial period starting on 1 October 2024 should run for a period of 15 months ending on 31 December 2025, and subsequent financial years should start on each 1 January.
- Profit and Loss Account for 15 month period ending 31/12/2025 has been independently reviewed, approved and signed by Tim Lelliott (the independent examiner of the accounts).
- BVRA funds at 31/12/2025 were £7,062.85 (30/09/2024 £6,914.49).
- The excess of Income over expenditure was £294.07 for the period to 31/12/25 (£699.82 for the year to 30/09/24). Our social events have been well attending with the quiz night and skittles evening making profits to support our Carols in the Park and Easter egg community events. We are pleased to report that the income from subscriptions has increased to £1,423.20 for the current period which is £48.02 higher than the year to 30/09/24.

### Ongoing tasks/activities

- Continue to maintain the financial records for the BVRA
- Apply to Barkham Parish Council for a grant to support the distribution of the BVRA newsletter and the upkeep of the website.
- Send our invoices and receipts to advertisers

### Items for future discussion

### Future actions and timescales


- Nothing specific identified

**BARKHAM VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION****ACCOUNTS FOR 15 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	15 months to 31-Dec-25		Year to 30-Sep-24
<b>INCOME - GENERAL</b>	£		£
Subscriptions	1,423.20	Note 1	1,375.18
Misc Payments in	30.00	Note 2	5.00
Grant from Barkham Parish Council	525.00		660.00
Newsletter Advertisements	510.00		522.50
<b>INCOME - EVENTS</b>			
Quiz Night 2024 (PY 2023)	281.50	Note 3	1,496.43
Quiz Night 2025	1,617.00		-
Carols Evening 2024 (PY 2023)	114.00		160.41
Skittles	826.00		789.21
Easter Egg Hunt	100.00		104.86
Distributors' bbq	-		-
Carols Evening 2025	129.00		-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>5,555.70</u>		<u>5,113.59</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE - GENERAL</b>			
Newsletter	2,007.31		1,686.68
Website	-		96.00
Insurance	83.26		300.00
Administration	157.01	Note 4	101.77
Bank charges	35.00		-
Misc Payments out	14.00	Note 5	114.97
<b>EXPENDITURE - EVENTS</b>			
Quiz Night 2024 (PY 2023)	766.83		1,024.69
Quiz night 2025	1,001.36		-
Carols Evening 2024 (PY 2024)	163.27		213.06
Skittles	604.33		560.55
Easter Egg Hunt	59.98		76.05
Distributors' bbq	184.14		240.00
Carols Evening 2025	164.14		-
Social events adhoc costs	21.00		-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>5,261.63</u>		<u>4,413.77</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>294.07</b>		<b>699.82</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025</b>			
OPENING CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	6,914.49		
ADD INCOME	5,555.70		
DEDUCT EXPENDITURE	5,261.63		
DEDUCT PREPAYMENTS FOR 2026	145.71		
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE C/FWD	<u>7,062.85</u>		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>AT 31 12 2025</b>		<b>AT 30 09 2024</b>
	7,062.85		6,914.49

I certify that these Accounts are in accordance with the books and records of the  
Barkham Village Residents Association

Signed

  
Independent Examiner

Date

13/01/2026

**BARKHAM VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION****EXPLANATORY NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR 15 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

1	Payments by Direct Debit	£1,041.20	( 371 payments of £3, less fees of £ 71.80)
	Payments by cash/cheque/bank transfer	£379.00	(125 payments of £3, 1 payment of £4)
	Payment by bank transfer for 2026	£3.00	(1 payment)
	<b>Subscriptions</b>	<b>£1,423.20</b>	<del>£0.00</del>
2	Donation	30	
	<b>Misc Payments in</b>	<b>£30.00</b>	
3	Quiz Night		
	Includes in income for 2023 was £902.80 from ticket sales and in costs £57.20 for the hall hire for 2024 quiz on 05/10/2024.		
4	Software renewal	£23.96	
	Stationery/stamps for Newsletter distribution	£84.56	
	Thank you gift for former treasurer	£30.00	
	Printing costs for reminder letters for subs	£18.49	
	<b>Administration</b>	<b>£157.01</b>	<del>£0.00</del>
5	Thank you gift for Inspector of Accounts	£14.00	
	<b>Misc Payments out</b>	<b>£14.00</b>	



## AGM meeting report

Name: Dave Clements

Role: Membership Secretary (acting)

Meeting Date: 15/01/2026

Completed tasks/activities
<p>Membership subscription collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The number of paid members increased slightly from 488 in 2024 to 496 in 2025.</li><li>• The reduction in members from years prior to 2024 is mostly attributed to the move away from collecting cash payments on the doorstep.</li><li>• Collecting from non-direct debit payers continues to take significant effort, involving email and paper reminders to households. We encourage all members to pay either by direct debit or pay when the initial email request is sent. Also please ensure we have an up to date email address – we currently have 40 members where we do not hold an email address</li><li>• In 2025 only paid-up members have received all four editions of the newsletter. This will continue in 2026 with all residents getting the spring edition with the remaining editions being for paid up members. Membership fees are being kept at £3 for 2026.</li></ul>
Ongoing tasks/activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commence the collection of 2026 membership fees</li><li>• Pursue the recruitment of a permanent membership secretary</li></ul>
Items for discussion
None
Future actions and timescales





## AGM meeting report

Name: Louise and Simon Goldring

Role: Distribution

Meeting Date: 15/01/2026

### Completed tasks/activities

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- The annual distributor party, as a thank you to Distributors and Wholesalers, was held in July and was enjoyed by all those who were able to attend. Thanks to the Social Committee for their efforts arranging this event.

### Ongoing tasks/activities

- Distribution of the Spring 2026 edition will be commencing shortly.
- Pursue the recruitment of additional Wholesalers and Distributors.

### Items for discussion

None

### Future actions and timescales



## AGM Report

Name: Alan Edwards

Role: Newsletter Editor

Meeting Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

<b>Completed tasks/activities</b>
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<b>Ongoing tasks/activities</b>
Nothing at this time. The next issue is 155 and will be started in early February.
<b>Items for discussion</b>
Nothing
<b>Future actions and timescales</b>
Not urgent, but I would like to modernise the 25-year old design, mainly the front page but I have yet to find anyone able to help with the graphic design. I would be grateful to hear from anyone with any advice or suggestions on how we might achieve this.



## AGM meeting report

Name: Dave Clements

Role: Webmaster

Meeting Date: 15/01/2026

Completed tasks/activities
Maintained the BVRA website, Facebook Page and Group, BVRA membership and mailing systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All events publicised on the website and Facebook Page</li><li>• Past newsletters available to read / download on the website</li><li>• Emailed out the DevWatch alerts and made past alerts available on the website</li><li>• Email newsletters to interested parties</li><li>• Ensured software kept up to date</li></ul> Once again thanks go to Bob Bishop for hosting our website at no cost to the BVRA
Ongoing tasks/activities
Business as usual maintaining the above
Items for discussion
None
Future actions and timescales
None, but suggestions for improvements are always welcome – please contact <a href="mailto:webmaster@barkham.org.uk">webmaster@barkham.org.uk</a>



## AGM meeting report 2026

Function: Social Team chair

Name: Gill Powell

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Completed tasks/activities

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### Items for discussion

### Future actions and timescales

**Any new ideas for social events are always welcome.**

**All these events need helpers to organise them, and we will always welcome volunteers to assist with the organisation and setting up of the events. If you would like to be involved, please contact Gill Powell: [social@barkham.org.uk](mailto:social@barkham.org.uk)**



## AGM meeting report

Function: Development Watch

Name: Dennis Eyriey

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

<b>Completed tasks/activities</b>
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<b>Ongoing tasks/activities</b>
Monitoring progress on the draft Local Plan and reporting on new applications and on the outcome of appeals
<b>Items for discussion</b>
<b>Future actions and timescales</b>