

ASHWELL VILLAGE TRUST CHARITY COMMISSION NO. 294673

TO PROMOTE THE PERMANENT PRESERVATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF ASHWELL, LANDS AND BUILDINGS OF BEAUTY OR HISTORIC INTEREST, ECOLOGICAL OR SCIENTIFIC IMPORTANCE WITHIN THE PARISH, AND GENERALLY TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE CHARACTER AND AMENITIES OF THE PARISH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

**Notes of a gathering of the Trustees of the Ashwell Village Trust
held on 25th Sept 2025, 5pm in the Parish Council Office.**

Present: Graham Lee (Parish Council Chairman and, in accordance with the trust deed, Chairman of the trustees), Simon Bettany (trustee and Hon Treasurer), Liz Moynihn (trustee), Jane Porter (trustee), Ian Thomas (nominated trustee) and Sally Roberts (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence.** Received from Claire Moyihan due to working commitments and David Sims and Vinny Hall (Parish Council appointed trustees) due to health implications.
2. **Following the AGM we agreed to advertise a trustee vacancy.** The Trustee vacancy was advertised following protocol. With the Constitution and Trust Deed being silent on how to appoint a new trustee, AVT received a candidate's CV, it was found to be in favour by Trustees and AVT arranged to meet the candidate.
3. **Trustee appointment** - Simon Bettany commented that the candidate held a very impressive CV and the candidate was appointed by a unanimous vote. The new Trustee of AVT is Ian Thomas.
4. **Potential projects** for AVT were discussed which could be potential projects should funds allow.
5. **Fence boundary of the Cottage Garden** – it was noted that a portion of the fence that does not belong to AVT requires work. The fence belongs to the owner whose land adjoins the Cottage Garden. The Owner is not making the job a priority and has plans for style of fence that they might desire.

AVT to write to owner requesting the desire of AVT given it's role within the community and proximity to the museum, that the fence to be replaced should be a picket fence or something similar and not a higher or solid style fence.

Action: Chairman/Clerk

6. AGM to update the Trustee Eligibility Declaration for all Trustees. Those who completed this are Trustees: Graham Lee, Jane Porter, Simon Bettany, Liz Moyihan and Ian Thomas. Trustees to complete are Trustees Vinny Hall, David Sims and Claire Moyihan.

Meeting closed at 5.55pm