

# HORNINGSEA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## A G M MINUTES

26 January 2026

Present: Graham Haynes (Chairman) GH  
Pauline Hellowell (Secretary) PH

Nicola Gibbs, Helen Harding-Male, Debs Wade,  
Tessa Pleasants, Chris Coldron, Julie Impey

Residents: Chris Lindley, Richard Pleasants, Lindsay Davies  
Rob Balm, John Wilson

### 1. Chairman's Report

The minutes of the previous AGM (27.1.2025) had already been circulated to committee members therefore GH opened the meeting and ran through our calendar of events held in 2025 which had all taken place, been well attended and very successful. As previous year Bonfire Night stood out as being our major profitable event and again record numbers had attended (930 persons?). Scotsdales opening on the night to allow parking had proved to be a massive success with no cars parking on the High Street. Our chairman hoped to repeat this again if Scotsdales agreeable. Graham to liaise with the manager, Ben.

There had been a few mutterings that the firework display had been much shorter even with the price increase from Essex Pyrotechnics. Our chairman said he would approach this when confirming booking for next year. Debs Wade/Nicola Gibbs felt there had been more card payments this year even though cash was still being used. It had been much easier with Rob Balm setting up a more manageable App. It was suggested that in future we advertise the use of card payments on the posters as well as cash payments.

#### **Further Events:**

**Fish & Chips/Bingo** – well attended, good fun and Catherine Morris had agreed to be our caller for this year.

**Senior's Lunch** – again enjoyed by those who attended. Perhaps slightly down on numbers but it was an important date in the diary for the seniors.

**Village Day** – Went very well in every aspect. Pet Show, Stalls, Tea/Cakes. Thanks conveyed to Tessa Pleasants for the delicious pizzas that were served. John Wilson was pleased we had taken on

board there would be no music from the band in the afternoon to allow everyone to mingle and talk even though the band decided to tune up!  
**Apple Pressing** – Goes from strength to strength. Always popular

**Bonfire Night – Discussed already – however**

Richard Pleasants wish it to be noted that Graham, Chris Lindley and John Harrison had worked hard before, during and aft event to make it the success it was. Thanks were conveyed.

**2. Apologies:**

Hayley Johnstone, Carolyn Fairhurst, Catherine Morris

**3. Matters Arising**

Discussed during meeting.

**4. Correspondence**

Letter received from Lindsay Davies re: Viking Re-enactment asking for support from HRA. It had been agreed before meeting that we were in agreement with event but could not promise to man the event.

Lindsay Davies gave a run-down of how the weekend would pan out.

Michael Harrison had offered his field for the Vikings to arrive by boat; to camp on site. There would be talks on living history, weaving, a battle re-enactment etc. etc. September was being muted (13<sup>th</sup> September weekend) but yet to be confirmed. She had applied for a grant from The Lottery (£100,000) but asked if the HRA would perhaps give a donation. Part of the floor in the church needed to be replaced.

All in agreement.

Collection at Christmas Tree Lighting amounted to £119.00.

**5. Presentation of Accounts**

In the absence of our treasurer, Pauline informed the meeting that our balance stood at £4399.48. We still held £1284.47 in the Cambridge Building Society. Although the surplus was healthy we needed to be mindful of increasing costs, eg. insurance, firework expenses, costs of putting on Village Day etc. Hayley would circulate detailed accounts on her return from holiday.

**6. Horningsea Charities**

Lindsay Davies was not sure whether we had given the £500.00 promised at the AGM last year for the Horningsea Charities. This to be checked with our Treasurer. Amount to remain same for this year.

**7. Nomination of Officers**

GH (Chair) PH (Secretary) and Hayley Johnston (Treasurer) happy to remain All in agreement

Remainder of the committee were voted in enbloc.

#### 8. AOB

International Evening – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Foremost) Italian theme. Planning meeting for this and other events to take place next week – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 6pm at Plough & Fleece.

Date of Next AGM - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2027 – 7pm in Pavilion.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

**Ordinary Meeting followed.**

Nos 1- 3 on Agenda as on AGM Minutes.

#### 4. Forthcoming Dates for Diary 2026

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> February from 6.30pm	International Evening - Italian
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 6pm for 6.30pm	“Eyes Down” Bingo/Fish & Chips
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Senior’s Lunch/Afternoon Tea?
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Village Day
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Horticultural Show
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Apple Pressing
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Bonfire Night
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday	Xmas Meal - Committee/Partners
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	HRA AGM – 7pm
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	International Evening
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2027	Village Day

#### 5. AOB

Events re above dates would be discussed more fully at future meetings to be arranged. **First meeting arranged for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6pm Plough & Fleece.**

Discussion re: flags. HRA was certainly in need of replacement. Nicola Gibbs thought it was responsibility of HVHT, rather than HRA. This to be discussed at their meeting this Tuesday. John Wilson to take on responsibility of ordering same whichever organisation was decided upon for purchase.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

