



Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 16th October 2025, 4.30pm at school

Present:

Marie Chappell (MC)
Dr Ennion (TE)
Ellie Harper (EH)
Lizzie Nicholls (LN)

Briony Hosfotd (BH)
Ellie Vowles (EV)
Chris Walsh (CW)

Agenda Item	Details	Action For
1.	AGM opens at 3:45pm	
2.	Apologies Mrs Doak, Laura Sime	NA
3.	Minutes from previous AGM 12th September 2024	NA
4.	Chair's Report It's been another good year for the School Association in terms of how much we have raised. We have the usual school discos which continue to be well received, enjoyed by all and create a healthy profit for us. We held our 2 nd Christmas Market – again well supported and a Christmas Raffle ran alongside it. The 2025 Challenge returned a very healthy profit for very little work. I am sure the committee and school will agree some of the pupils really went out of their way to support us with the challenge and it was fantastic to see what these pupils did to raise the funds. Thank you to the parents that supported us with this, it's hopefully an event the SA will see again. Another new event for us this year was a colour run held back in the summer term. A good event with a good response from pupils but did have it's issues that need to be ironed out if the event is to be repeated. Sadly no Puddletown Plod this year. With it's restrictions and need for greater support from our school community, we could not guarantee the events success. Historically, The Puddletown Plod has been a wonderful event to put on and well supported. Without this funding, I am sure there will be a knock-on effect for 25/26 funding budgets. Across all events, whether it be a school disco, Christmas fair, we found this year incredibly difficult to secure helpers at our events. We appreciate everyone is busy away from school, but without the support of parents & staff, we will not be able to secure funds it so desperately needs. I am part of many PTA groups on Facebook and it is a common theme to read about - PTA's asking how they go about folding; what do they do with remaining funds in bank accounts; and the general feeling that PTA's are slowly fading. None of us, I am sure you will agree, want this to happen to	NA



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	the School Association. Something that needs some improvement from the School Association perspective is communication. We need to plan a little more and get our message out sooner. This I hope will encourage more support.	
5.	Treasurers Report Current balance: £18,111.62 Opening balance September 2024: £17,414.39 Increase: +£697.23 For further detail, see attachments	
6.	Election of Committee Members Chair – Marie Chappell + Briony Hosford Approved by Lizzie Nicholls + Chris Walsh Treasurer – Ellie Vowles Approved by Marie Chappell + Briony Hosford Secretary – Laura Sime Approved by Ellie Harper + Ellie Vowles 1.	
7.	AOB Re-set WhatsApp volunteer group for year 2025-2026 and provide a link/QR code for new volunteers in school/SA online publications. Year budget - £1500 per year group One-off departmental budget - £2000	
8.	AGM closes at 4:30pm	