

Minutes of Snape and Well Village Show AGM – 07.04.26 held at Snape Methodist Chapel

Present: Claire Elsworth, Diana Philpott, Dianne Johnson, Rebekah Duck, Nick Imeson, Cieran Imeson, Joy Abel, Ann Donaldson, Diane Hoskins, Gilly Beach, Sarah Lowe.

Welcome – Claire Elsworth

1. Apologies – none offered

2. The Minutes from last year were accepted and signed.

3. Election of officers – Claire Elsworth asked to step down as Chair. Gilly Beach has offered to be Chair, proposed by Claire, seconded by Diane H. Claire will remain on the committee and the rest of the committee will remain in their posts – Nick Imeson as Vice Chair, Diana Philpott as Treasurer, Dianne Johnson as Secretary, Rebekah as a committee member.

4. Chair's report – Claire gave her report –

Thank you to everyone here tonight and also for everyone's continued support for the Show which is entering its 134th year, having first being held in 1892.

During this time, as you would expect, the show has seen many changes, and it is hoped that it can continue to grow and develop in the years to come.

At the formal opening of the institute extension, we were able to showcase what the show consisted of and a great deal of interest was shown resulting in us being able to secure some volunteers to help prior to August Bank Holiday and also on the day.

In 2025 we asked local businesses for sponsorship which resulted in generous donations, it is hoped that this year we can take this a step further by encouraging businesses to take out advertising in the schedule, resulting in a booklet style schedule.

We were also successful in our application to North Yorkshire Council Stronger Communities Programme for funding via the Inspire Grant. This allowed us to purchase 3 'pop-up' gazebos and weights which proved much easier to assemble and take down than the traditional gazebos we have used in the past. Thank you to Nick for allowing us to store these at his home.

The 2025 Snape and Well Village Show was held on a gloriously sunny day which drew the community together. It is hoped that this year the show will continue to develop (under our new chair) – attracting more entries, more visitors and renewed interest from all sections of the community.

As I leave my position of Chair, I have been so lucky to have a supportive and capable team to work with. I have been a committee member, treasurer and chair over the 7 years I have served. Of course I will support the show planning team going forward.

5. Financial Report – Diana presented the accounts for the past year. We are broadly on track with previous years, the takings for entries and the stalls were up but we did spend more on entertainment for on the green.

Costs of insurance, printing and prizes have gone up and will continue to do so.

The class sponsorship brought in donations of £835 from local businesses.

We introduced an electronic payments machine and took £51. We agreed that this will be promoted further next year.

The Show breaks even each year. At present we have just less than £3000 in our bank accounts, show expenditure tends to be £1200, so we have enough to cover one bad year if necessary.

6. Review for last year's show. – Discussion took place around whether the timings need altering so that events start earlier on the green or whether there are other ways to extend the time for everything to be given enough time. It was agreed that it would help to have another judge who is an expert in cut flowers, especially in dahlias. It was agreed that the gazebos were a good investment and that using the trestle tables in the institute was a lot easier than when we used boards.

7. Sarah Lowe gave a vote of thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

8. Date for next meeting – TBA