



A community shop and café run by the Village for the Village

**Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Tewin Stores Association
Ltd held on Tuesday 1 July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, Tewin
Memorial Hall, Lower Green, Tewin**

Present: P Hagger (in the chair), L Crawford, R Guilbert, M Bennett, G Spring, D Brook, R Huggins, K Lawson, D Kempson, J Kempson, G Kersey, M Kersey, D Hagger, A Hall, M Haggar.

Apologies: K Borg, T Nisson-Huntley, P Spring, L Gilley, J Lawson, B Barraclough, H Armstrong, K St Pier, M St Pier, A Bennett, D Howson, J Howson, J Grover, M Swift, R Toms, A Whitbourne.

1. M Bennett (Secretary) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the chairperson P Hagger and Treasurer R Guilbert and said that we are still looking to recruit new members to the Committee.

2. **Minutes of the previous AGM held on 10 July 2024.**

The meeting agreed the previous minutes as a true record.
Proposed by A Hall and seconded by D Brook.

3. **Annual Report.**

P Hagger read his Chairperson's report which can be found as appendix 1.

R Guilbert introduced the annual report and mentioned:

- a. We made a small overall loss for the year - £1,245 against a small profit of £385 in the previous year.
- b. Reasons are explained within the accounts, but take account of the overall reduction in footfall and reduction in sales (taking account of inflation), rising costs in both goods and our utilities and the depreciation charge relating primarily for the new kitchen that was installed a couple of years ago.
- c. We don't have any planned large expenditure in this coming year.
- d. We have taken a charge for approximately £1,300 relating to the planning permission for the air conditioning unit.
- e. We have spent £1,700 on a new ice cream freezer although this included about £600 of stock.

There were no questions raised and the meeting accepted the Chairperson's report, annual report and accounts.

Proposed by R Huggins and seconded by G Spring.

4. **To pass a resolution to disapply the requirement to appoint a qualified auditor to review the shops annual accounts.**

R Guilbert highlighted that:

- a. Previously Holdings provided oversight of our annual accounts but they were not audited.
- b. In this financial year we are grateful for R Madin in providing an oversight to our annual accounts.

There were no further questions raised.

Proposed by A Hall and seconded by D Hagger.

5. Election of the Committee

The following Shareholder Members were willing to stand on the Committee: B Barraclough, A Bennett, M Bennett, L Crawford, R Guilbert, D Hagger and P Hagger.

The meeting agreed the appointment of the Committee members:

Proposed by M Hagger seconded by D Brook.

P Hagger thanked former Committee members G Spring and D Brook for their invaluable services to the shop and Committee over the years.

6. Upcoming Events

M Bennett updated that the Committee have been working hard this year to come up with ideas to build awareness of the shop and increase customers. Following our stand at the Knebworth Fayre in June selling our logo products we will also attend the Classic Car Show in Tewin and the Burnham Green Fayre in August. We are also looking to hold an Apple Weekend 4-5 October where we will be asking villagers to donate their apples to be pressed into apple juice for sale in the shop.

7. Any other Business

- a. The Post Office is currently closed on Monday afternoons due to sickness and will continue to be closed on this day for the foreseeable future. The Committee thanked the goodwill of B Barraclough in helping cover a number of the Post Office sessions. The Committee also agreed to provide additional communications to villagers of the services provided by the Post Office at Tewin Community Stores.
- b. The Saturday lunches continue on a monthly basis with thanks to L Crawford.

M Bennett ended the meeting and thanked all for attending.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

Appendix 1 – Chairmans Report

1. Intro

Good evening

Like Mark Twain, the reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated, but sadly, my recent incapacity has prevented me from undertaking some small, inexpensive improvements in the shop that we had identified and larger projects have stalled.

2. Accounts

At last year's AGM we reported that had we not had the depreciation from the investment in the kitchen and other projects we would have made a good profit. That position hasn't changed this year. So, although we have made a Gross Profit, we have reported a loss of £1,245 for the 2025 financial year. There have been a number of initiatives to increase foot fall during 2024 including beer tasting evenings run by the committee for a local brewery where we sold the stock we bought but we have sold none since. We have undertaken leaflet drops and advertised where we can. With the kind permission of the Friends of Tewin we sold croissants at the car show. This year we will have a stall at the car show selling Tewin Stores products.as well as attending other fetes.

3. Outlook

The outlook for 2025 is in the hands of Tewin Residents but I suspect we'll see no real improvement unless we can increase the foot fall so please ask your friends and family and neighbours to use the shop where they can, we really are quite well priced and its almost certainly cheaper than driving to the supermarket for the odd item.

4. Finally

I would like to thank the volunteers at the shop without whom we couldn't exist. Your continued support is essential, and I and the committee are extremely grateful for the time you give and what you do.

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