

Minutes of a meeting of the Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee held on

1st May 2024 in Briantspuddle Jubilee Room

Present: Stuart Chorley (Chair), Anne Colquhoun (Secretary), Allan Smith (Treasurer), Tamsyn Tankard-Evans, Cindy Read.

- 1. Apologies for absence** –. Sally King, Fiona Hogger, Angela Tozer.
- 2. Notice of conflicts of interest** – none reported.
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 6th March 2024** The minutes were approved and duly signed.
- 4. Resignation:** David Harle had resigned before the meeting so there is one vacancy. Lesley Wilcox has resigned as minute secretary with immediate effect so Anne Colquhoun will take the minutes. Grateful thanks were recorded to Lesley and it was proposed by Stuart, seconded by Anne, that she be given a gardening voucher from Holme Gardens. All were in favour. Anne will arrange this and write a letter of thanks to Lesley.

5. Treasurer's report

Allan had already circulated the accounts summary for the end of April, together with the list of bookings. He confirmed that income was good, and on budget. £250 had been received from the Parish Council towards the Open Gardens. The ground rent has been paid, and the insurance. The treasurer is anticipating a margin of approximately £2000. It was felt that hiring charges should be revisited by the end of January; other organizations he has been talking to have increased their rates. Allan proposed we accept the quote from Mike Goff: £2180 + VAT (excludes scaffolding, but Samms Scaffolders have offered to provide scaffolding for £250 + VAT) to repaint exterior windows and doors, and Stuart seconded this. All were in favour. Allan will write to the social club in response to their suggestion of installing 3 radiators/pipes etc to make the club warmer. The cost would be in the region of £2000. The electrical certification is due. It was suggested that the stage lighting be upgraded and replaced with LED lights. This could be done for approximately £250/300 including cabling, and could be done in house. A downlight is needed at the end of the stage for which an electrician will be needed. It was proposed by Stuart, seconded by Allan, that this be part of a package (IC test and downlight). All were in favour.

6. Booking Secretary's report.

Allan had already circulated the list of bookings, which are satisfactory.

7. Open Gardens

This event is on the community website, on facebook and social media. Stuart will produce flyers for distribution in the village. Risk assessments, posters, and maps still need to be done. Parkers (estate agents) had agreed to do advertising on boards, but they were not forthcoming, Symonds & Sampson may be approached instead. The gardens are organized in Affpuddle and Briantspuddle. Hopefully St Osmonds school will provide a minibus and driver – Stuart will chase them. Posters are being printed. There will be a vintage car exhibition at Affpuddle Manor, and a flower festival in the church. Parking will be in the village field by the crossroads. Slight concern was raised as the village roads are due to be re-surfaced during this time. Stuart has been in contact with the council.

8. Social Club

The social club is not in a good financial situation. It was felt that it is important it survives (and it is our biggest fund producer). The club is considering doing food. Stuart proposed we offer them the use of our kitchen at the standard charge, and they can cancel if it is not needed. Also, we would try and store the skittles in our store room to give them more space and make the club look more attractive.

9. 100 club – ticket 148

10. Sustainability Summary – thanks were given to Tamsyn for producing this. It will be of great benefit to potential hirers, and will be put on the website. Tamsyn will email Campbell.

11. AOB - None

12. Date of next meeting – 22nd May following the AGM.

The meeting closed at 2025.

Anne Colquhoun
Hon Secretary