

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

4th September 2024 in the Jubilee Room, Briantspuddle Village Hall

Present: Stuart Chorley (Chair), Anne Colquhoun (Secretary), Allan Smith (Treasurer), Cindy Read, Fiona Hogger, Angela Tozer, Steven Everill

1. Apologies: Tamsyn Tankard-Evans.

Steven Everill (representative for the Briantspuddle Social Club) was welcomed by Stuart Chorley. Stuart hopes that we may soon also have a representative from the Parish Council.

2. Conflict of Interest: None

3. Approval of the minutes of 5th June 2024 – the minutes were approved and duly signed as a true copy.

4. Treasurer's Report – the treasurer had circulated the monthly summary of the accounts, and he had also circulated the monthly summary for July. He reported that:

- a) The work has been completed on the exterior woodwork of the village hall, and an excellent job had been made of it.
- b) Electrical work has been carried out to install an additional run of main lights over the area that used to have a fixed stage and the old stage lighting has been removed and will be replaced with new LED stage lighting. All necessary wiring work has been carried out and a new electrical certificate has been issued. Allan will arrange for the purchase of 10 lampshades. He has sought contributions from the Parish Council, the Social Club, and the Community Group towards the cost of the re-wiring but as yet no firm contribution has been forthcoming (though he is hopeful that it might yet appear).
- c) The 100+ club has sold 145 tickets (up from 134 in 2023), which is a good source of income, and the first draw has already taken place
- d) Hiring Rates – discussion followed as to whether these should be increased. The rates have not been raised since 2016, but costs have risen (e.g. electricity is up between 30-40% since 2019.). It was felt that a lot of our regular hirers are struggling and it is important that we do not price ourselves out of the market. It was proposed by Anne, seconded by Cindy, that as from 1st January 2025 the cost of hiring the kitchen increases from £10 to £12 per hour, but that the other rates remain the same (£10/hour for the Jubilee Room and £12/hour for the main hall). All were in agreement.

5. Booking Secretary's Report – the Treasurer had circulated the list of booking. The Booking Secretary reported that all regular hirers are planning to return in 2025. Several choirs have regular bookings and much enjoy all the benefits that the hall offers. A children's party had been held which was very successful, and a further booking followed as a result.

6. Open Gardens – This was a huge success, helped by the good weather. Stuart thanked

all those involved in making it run so smoothly, and had submitted an article in the Parish Magazine about it. It produced a profit of approximately £4800. It is anticipated that the next one will be held in 2026, and hopefully other communities within the village will be actively involved.

7. **Christmas Plans** – The date suggested for the Christmas Fair is Sunday 1st December 2024, £10 per stall. Ali Chorley will organize it (plus helpers). **New Year's Eve** – The Social Club might be willing to organize a party if they so wish.
8. **Burns Night** – The band has been booked (£500) and the date confirmed for Saturday 25th January 2025. Sponsorship is needed to help with this cost. Stuart is happy to organize it (with helpers). The tickets should be ready before Christmas, with a maximum number of 80, at £20 each, as last year.
9. **AOB**
 - a) Allan is planning the annual deep clean of the hall, possibly in the last week of September. The Community Group will do the kitchen. Helpers are needed.
 - b) Stuart has offered to help the Social Club by lending them the scaffolding tower
 - c) Stuart will check with Campbell about an old email address that was used by a hirer. The old email address is no longer used, so it should be deleted.
10. **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2010.

Anne Colquhoun
Hon Secretary