

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

6th November 2024 in the Jubilee Room, Briantspuddle Village Hall

Present: Stuart Chorley (Chair), Anne Colquhoun (Secretary), Allan Smith (Treasurer), Fiona Hogger, Angela Tozer, Tamsyn Tankard-Evans

1. **Apologies:** Cindy Read, Steven Everill
2. **Conflict of Interest:** None
3. **Approval of the minutes of 4th September 2024** – the minutes were approved with one amendment (145 100+ club tickets sold), and duly signed as a true copy.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – the treasurer circulated the monthly summary of the accounts to the end of October. He reported that:
 - a) Hiring income for October was about £300 below forecast, though the general level of hiring bookings remains close or above budget.
 - b) Electrical work has been carried out and the appeal for funds to help cover the cost resulted in a very generous donation of £1000 from the Briantspuddle Community Group. The secretary will write to thank them. The Parish Council will consider the request in January. Stuart had spent £356.00 on lighting, and he will be reimbursed. Thanks were given to Allan for overseeing the electrical work.
 - c) The fridge in the kitchen failed in October, and has been replaced on a like for like basis. The cost for this has been reclaimed from the Briantspuddle Community Group as the principle user.
 - d) The only non-routine expenditure during October was the annual fire alarm and fire extinguisher survey and certification.
 - e) The year-end forecast remains at a margin of £2000 to £3000.
 - f) The treasurer's expenses which includes the refund for the fridge were approved – proposed by Stuart and seconded by Fiona and all were in favour.
 - g) The remembrance day poppy wreath will be reused from last year and looks fine.
5. **Booking Secretary's Report** – Angela said bookings were OK – she will email the Yoga teacher to confirm her booking. The hall is particularly appreciated by various choirs who regularly use it, and enjoy the excellent acoustics. The geographical location of the hall is not ideal for business meetings from, e.g. Dorchester, as there are plenty of alternative halls that are nearer. Thanks were given to Angela.
6. **Christmas Plans** – Stuart reported that there are sixteen stalls signed up for the Christmas Fayre on 1st December (£10 per table) including four new stalls. Posters have been distributed and the event is on Facebook. Allan/Tamsyn will decorate the hall before the Fayre. The scaffold tower will be used which requires two people. The Social Club are running a New Year's Eve Party. A Special Event License will be needed which Allan will apply for, and which will then be transferred to the hirer.

7. **Burns Night** – The posters are up. Tickets are £20 per head. The band has been booked. Stuart will check with Campbell re the bagpipes. Sponsorship (in the region of £500) is needed to help with the cost of the band. Tamsyn will ask Phil Trim, other suggestions included the Watercress Company and Sculptures on the Lake. As always, help will be needed on the night. Stuart will advertise Burns Night in the Parish News.

8. **AOB**

a) It was suggested that the representatives of the various groups that are elected on the committee could nominate a second person as a backup (only one would attend the meetings at one time). Allan and Stuart will come up with a proposal at the next meeting.

b) David Neudegg (chairman of the Parish Council) would like more interaction between the various groups in the village with a view to improving the support for the community. Stuart is happy to attend the inaugural meeting but would welcome a second person as well. Tamsyn would be happy to attend.

c) Stuart announced that since he has been on the committee for eight years, and Chairman for seven, he might be looking to stand down in May at the AGM. It would therefore be beneficial to recruit a vice chairman at some stage.

9. **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2010.

Anne Colquhoun
Hon Secretary