

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

1st October 2025 in the Jubilee Room, Briantspuddle Village Hall

Present: Stuart Chorley (Chair), Allan Smith (Treasurer), Anne Colquhoun (Secretary), Fiona Hogger, Julia Bradbury, Angela Tozer (Booking Secretary)

1. **Apologies:** Tamsyn Tankard-Evans.
2. **Conflict of Interest:** None
3. **Approval of the minutes of 6th August 2025** – the Christmas Fair date was incorrectly entered as 6th December, and it should be 7th December 2025. Having corrected this, the minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.
4. **Matters arising** from the minutes: None – items are covered on the agenda
5. **Treasurer's Report** – the treasurer circulated the monthly summary of the accounts which were mainly routine. July hiring income was slightly lower than forecast. There is approximately £46,000 on deposit. Bank interest is low, so Allan will investigate better rates elsewhere. The committee agreed that this can be formalized via email. Thanks were given to the treasurer for producing these accounts.
6. **Future Events**
 - a) Christmas Fair – Sunday 7th December, 11-3pm – stall holders are already asking for stalls. The maximum number is 14 if Jubilee Room is used. Tables are 6' x 2'6". It was agreed to have an activity table for children.
 - b) Burns Night – Saturday 24th January 2026. Stuart has notified Lorraine and awaiting her response but it is anticipated she already has this in her diary. Allan will be away. Helpers will be needed for the night.
 - c) Open Gardens – tentatively booked for 28th June 2026 (but not yet in print). Karen is keen to organize the art display, but she may be away on 28th so the date might be brought forward to 14th June. Uncertain at this stage whether there will be a car show.
7. **Hall Cleaning** – completed. Very many thanks were given to all those who helped. Stuart jet washed the front which made it look very smart. The council contractors trimmed back the overhanging bushes yesterday which should reduce the amount of dead leaves in the gutters.
8. **100+ club** – There are a total of 142 members. August and September draws will be done on 4th October, and the October draw will be done later in the month. Thanks were given to all who helped sell tickets, especially John Tozer who covered a large area. Allan will send out a list of ideas for the Christmas gifts which the committee are asked to buy for the December draw. It was agreed that there will be a raffle at the Christmas Fair, and the 100+ Christmas draw will be made on another occasion.
9. **Bookings Report** – Angela reported that this has been the busiest year for bookings, and she is already receiving bookings for next year, especially from the music groups. More support is needed for the daytime activities (pilates, yoga, etc). Julia has offered to promote the village hall on social media, and will take more photos etc to

widen its appeal.

10. AOB:

a) Allan will varnish the “Main Entrance” notice board

b) Heating system: the smell of oil has been sorted with the fitting of a new valve.

Allan is trying to get rid of batteries (there is one in the thermostat); it went flat when he was away recently so the heating didn’t come on. The importance of retaining our current hirers was emphasized, so it was agreed that the heating for the yoga class would be extended to 12 noon, not 11.30am as at present. It is set to come on at 6am on the morning of the yoga class to give plenty of time for the hall to warm up.

c) Tamsyn had requested a discussion concerning her absences from the bi-monthly committee meetings. Her work requirements prevent her from attending on a regular basis. There is no infringement of charity status rules if she is not able to attend. However, it might be more beneficial to fill her space on the committee with someone who could attend regularly, and to co-opt her on for specific issues. She has been extremely helpful in the past in dealing with the sustainability issue. She would be welcome to attend as many meetings as she wished in a non-voting capacity, and would cease to be a trustee. The secretary/Stuart would put this option to her.

d) The committee felt the bi-monthly meetings work well. It was suggested that there might be more sub-committees (e.g. open gardens, cleaning, events, etc), and that those members be invited to the main committee meetings as and when required. All were in favour.

11. DONM – Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Anne Colquhoun
Hon Secretary