

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

6th August 2025 in the Jubilee Room, Briantspuddle Village Hall

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

- 1. Apologies:** Angela Tozer (Booking Secretary), Tamsyn Tankard-Evans. Cindy Read has resigned due to ill health.
- 2. Conflict of Interest:** None
- 3. Approval of the minutes of 4th June 2025** – the minutes of 4th June 2025 were incorrectly entered as 5th June. Having corrected this, they were approved and signed as a true copy.
- 4. Matters arising** from the minutes:

Stuart has talked to the chair of the parish council about cigarette butt ends in the car park, and allocating a disabled parking space in the car park. These are being dealt with by the parish council.

- 5. Treasurer's Report** – the treasurer circulated the monthly summary of the accounts to the end of July 2025 which were mainly routine. Music groups have produced useful revenue. The boiler was serviced and needed a new valve (this should have sorted the oil smell) and the meter was replaced. The oil tank has been filled (£971), and the music license paid. Vents have not yet been fitted in the bottom of the toilet doors. A profit of £1500 was anticipated. Thanks were given to the treasurer for producing these accounts.

6. Future Events

- a) Open Gardens** – date agreed was 28th June 2026 and this will be listed in the Open Gardens handbook. There is a functioning committee that will liaise with those willing to open their gardens, and discuss the inclusion of a classic car display and the possibility of combining the open gardens with a flower festival in Affpuddle church, as in 2024.
- b) Christmas Fair** – the date agreed is Sunday 6th December 2025
- c) Burns Night** – it was agreed to hold this on Saturday 24th January 2026, rather than the Sunday which is the actual Burns Night. Stuart will notify the band.

- 7. Hall Cleaning** – Saturday/Sunday 30th/31st August 2025 – volunteers needed to help with this task.
- 8. 100+ club** – Stuart has organized this and the tickets are out for distribution in the village and surrounding area. This is a useful source of income, and households are encouraged to buy one ticket per adult (not one per household). Ticket sales are not restricted to the village. Tickets should be returned to Stuart by 16th August to enable the first draw to take place at the end of August/beginning of September. The winning numbers should be widely publicized (e.g. on the facebook page) to encourage the participants.

9. **Bookings Report** – in Angela's absence it was reported that bookings are still busy but some groups have not yet confirmed their autumn schedule. It is hoped that there will be another Arts Reach event in the autumn. Fiona will mention to the Bere Regis surgery the possibility of organizing the flu jab in the village hall, as happened previously. The NHS has used the hall in the past, but have relocated to the more central venue of Charlton Down.
10. **AOB:** The secretary has received an email from the Community Action Network (CAN) asking if Briantspuddle Village Hall would like to be added to their list of local services in Dorset. It was agreed that this might be a useful tool; the secretary will inform CAN of this decision.
11. **DONM** – Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Anne Colquhoun
Hon Secretary