

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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 in the Jubilee Room, Briantspuddle Village Hall

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

1. **Apologies:** Fiona Hogger
2. **Conflict of Interest:** None
3. **Approval of the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026** –the minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.
- 4 **Matters arising** from the minutes:

Item 6: Our MP's booking (Lloyd Hatton) did not materialise, nor did he let the booking secretary know he wouldn't be attending.

Item 7: Email dated 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 from Community Group – it was decided to let this matter lie for the time being.

Item 9a: Stuart is looking forward to receiving a list from the Treasurer of all the jobs he undertakes and those people he calls upon to help him. Discussion followed, and it was felt that the main problem was lack of people on the committee, particularly those representing the frequent hall users. Julia will spread the word on social media. The forthcoming AGM will be a good time to try and get more people on board.

Item 9b: Stuart has not yet hung the picture of the pair of cottages at Turnerspuddle or notified the Parish Council.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – the treasurer circulated the monthly summary of the accounts which were mainly routine and on target. The double signatory arrangement for the savings in the Trust Bank has been arranged (the treasurer and the secretary). Savings, if required to be used, will be done by transfer to Barclays. The insurance premium has been paid (4% increase). We do not need any oil for the moment. There were no further questions for the treasurer.
6. **Future Events** – Open Gardens 28<sup>th</sup> June. 17 gardens have confirmed. An Art Exhibition and Classic Car display looks promising, with possibly an “Author's Area” in addition. The church will be open with floral displays. Substantial help will be needed on the day, and a minibus or two. The event is in the Open Garden brochure. It is proposed that the charge is £7.50 per head (which is the maximum allowed). It was felt that is good value given the number of gardens. Trevor Poole will be approached for use of his land for parking.
7. **Booking Secretary's report** – Bookings are good, plenty of choirs. We could always do with some more, regular, activities. The AGM would be a good opportunity to sound out what the village would like in the way of additional activities.
8. **AOB:**
  - a) Allan's expenses are for £130.99, all were in favour of reimbursement being made.
  - b) The booking secretary requested reimbursement of stationery (paper) as she prints

off a quantity of forms. All were in favour.

9. **DONM** – AGM 21<sup>st</sup> May, 7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm), followed by brief committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Anne Colquhoun  
Hon Secretary