

## **Minutes of the AGM of the Briantspuddle Village Hall, held on 21st May 2026 at 7pm in the village hall, Briantspuddle**

**Present:** 13 members of the community

1. **Welcome** by the Chairman, Stuart Chorley.
2. **The minutes** of the AGM held on 22nd May 2025 were read by Stuart. They were proposed by Jenny Beadle, seconded by Alan Smith and signed as a true copy.
3. **Matters arising:** The boiler has been tested and the engineer confirmed it is as efficient as it always was and there is no need to change it. The valve has been changed and the smell has gone.
4. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman began by saying that "fresh blood" is needed on the village hall committee, and that it is his intention to stand down as chairman due to personal commitments. He then read his report (filed with these minutes). He thanked all the trustees, particularly Angela Tozer (hiring co-ordinator), Alan Smith (treasurer) who does a huge amount of extra work in addition to the financial matters, and Anne Colquhoun (secretary). He then confirmed his desire to step down, but he will offer to stand again in the absence of anyone else coming forward, but will need to review the situation every two months. In response to a question from the floor, it was confirmed that the "Piddlers" (local music group) will be rehearsing on Sunday evening in the Social Club, and are booked to play in the evening of Open Gardens. Leonora expressed disappointment at the few number of people attending the AGM. She urged more use of social media to make it known, and confirmed that she and Campbell did the website, and to let them have items of interest to the village. She also wants to encourage people to order items in bulk from the shop (e.g. baking items for Open Gardens) – let her know and she will order things in. Campbell added that he is sympathetic to Stuart's position and also disappointed at the lack of interest/support shown to the Village Hall.

### **5. Treasurer's report**

Allan circulated the audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 2025, The treasurer reported that income continues to improve modestly, but other fund raising has not been so good. Repairs and maintenance have been kept to a minimum. We have reasonable reserves, and the savings account has been changed to Hampshire Trust Bank (they deal with small businesses and charities) as they give 3.95% interest as opposed to 1.05% from Barclays, so £40,000 savings have been transferred giving an income of approximately £1200-£1300 per year. Utility costs are a constant worry, particularly filling the oil tank, although electricity costs at present are lower than in recent months. Hiring rates are constantly being reviewed. Ideas and suggestions for new activities are always being sought. The Parish Council used to give grants but are no longer permitted unless for a specific function. Viridor – who used to give grants – have not been replaced. A grant should be available to help when rethatching is required (the ridge may need to be done within ten years). The Chairman confirmed that £450 sponsorship has been received towards the Open Gardens. Stuart thanked Allan on behalf of the trustees for all the work he undertakes for BVH.

6. **Election of committee members** – all members stand down at the AGM. Stuart Chorley, Allan Smith, and Julia Bradley are all willing to stand again. It was proposed by Jenny Beadle, seconded by Jenny Lightfoot, that they be re-elected, and all were in favour. Additional trustees are desperately needed; there are five seats vacant on the committee. Nominated representatives: The following are happy to continue:

- Anne Colquhoun – Briantspuddle Singers
- Fiona Hogger – Parochial Church Council (plus Deborah Hepburn as required)
- Angela Tozer - Parish Council

Groups not represented on the committee. Representatives can join at any time during the year, and are encouraged to do so:

- Social Club.
- Village Shop
- The community group

**7. AOB - none**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Anne Colquhoun  
Hon Secretary