

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

5th August 2026 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Present: Stuart Chorley (Chair), Anne Colquhoun (Secretary), Angela Tozer, Fiona Hogger, Lindy and Simon Manning

1.Apologies: Allan Smith (Treasurer) – not present; Julia Bradbury (resignation notification received). The Chairman welcomed Lindy and Simon Manning who had expressed an interest in joining the committee.

2. Notice of conflicts of interest - None

3. Approval of the Minutes of meeting on 21st May 2026 - signed as a true copy

4.Matters arising – none

5.Village Hall trustees – There are several vacancies on the committee for new members, and it was felt that “fresh blood” is needed. Stuart is prepared to stay on as chairman for the time being, and will give an update at each meeting. Meetings cannot take place if the quorum is not met. It was encouraging that Lindy and Simon Manning were present, and they offered to help the committee in any way they could.

6. Treasurer’s report – The treasurer was not present at the meeting but had circulated the monthly income and expenditure summary which looked satisfactory. Income was boosted by the Open Gardens profit. It was noted that the oil tank will need to be filled in the near future. It was anticipated that further funds will be transferred to the HTB savings account which gives greater interest.

7. Bookings report – This had been circulated prior to the meeting. Bookings are busy – the Friday Yoga session may stop but might be replaced with another yoga day. Singing workshops have booked future dates.

8. Open Gardens – It was felt this was a huge success, with very positive feedback from helpers and visitors alike. It was assisted by perfect weather. 18 gardens were on display, with additional attractions of 14 local artists, 20+ classic cars, wildlife photography exhibition, and history exhibition. The shop and social club (also selling second-hand clothing) were open all day. There was a “thank you” supper in the evening with live music for all the helpers. The village really came and worked together in an excellent show of support, and a profit of approximately £3900 was added to the village hall funds. Stuart, his wife Ali, and all the open gardens committee were thanked for their enormous input to make it such a success.

9. AOB –

a) It was felt that joining the Dorset Community Action group (which would require payment) would not be beneficial – the secretary will let them know

b) The Chair of the Parish Council had contacted Stuart concerning the fence around the oil tank – the corner post appears rotten. Stuart will discuss this with Allan to ensure its repair is our responsibility, and not that of the Parish Council who owns the car park

c) Simon Manning offered his support as needed, but felt the position as a trustee was not for him at this time

10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.

Anne Colquhoun
Hon Secretary