

# BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

## Minutes

12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.15pm in the MAIN HALL

### Management Committee

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**1. Present and in Attendance.**

David Norman (treasurer), Lu Hughes, Laura Parry, Stan Wilson, Sandy Usher, Suzanne Chillman (chair), Sara Coffield (secretary)

**Also in Attendance**

Helena Turner, BK, Jeanette Hurst, David Costello

**2. Apologies**

Roz Serle

**Dog Faeces – Fouling in the field**

A member of the Cricket Club attended the meeting to talk about dog faeces in the field. He fell into some dog faeces last Saturday near the wicket. He proposed to the committee that we find the one or two culprits, and name and shame them. He suggested putting up a camera. DN proposed a fine. HT suggested a dummy camera. The police can't do anything apparently although you can report a dog-fouling offence to the council. The committee agreed to begin with replacing the signs and do a Facebook campaign. LH agreed to do the signs.

**ACTIONS:**

LH to create professional-looking waterproof signs saying "keep dogs on leads and pick up your dog poo" (and playpark signs); JH to do a Facebook campaign

**3. Minutes from April meeting**

The Management Committee unanimously agreed to the minutes of last meeting.

**4. Matters Arising**

**Kitchen Hatch**

LH reported that the tradesman who was going to do the hatch has now resigned so the research needs to begin again.

**ACTION: Committee to research tradesman for replacing the kitchen hatch.**

**Overdue bookings**

DN reported that very overdue bookings have now been paid thanks to SC.

It was also suggested that the website could be upgraded to accept online payments using credit cards. LH suggested Elavon as an option for the card processor. DN advised that this is something he doesn't have time for until the Autumn.

**ACTION: DN to look at automating the system (in the Autumn)**

**5. Financial Report.**

DN reported that the payment for the play area is due. Otherwise normal.

**Play Area**

The play area looks fabulous and there have been many good comments from the community. "Online Playgrounds" can replace bits and bobs.

**ACTIONS: JH to list contributor names on FB with a thank you and invite for more funds; SU to organise next sub-committee meeting date**

**Next project?**

DN queried what the next project will be. The committee were unsure.

**200 Club draw.**

The 200 Club was drawn

**6. Alcohol requests**

None this month

**7. AOB**

**Storage**

DN pointed out that there is a huge loft for long-term storage above the MH toilets.

**8. Next meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.15pm in the Main Hall

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**2. Apologies**

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**3. Minutes from April meeting.**

The Working Committee unanimously agreed to last month's minutes.

**4. Matters Arising.**

**Internet**

SCh has renewed from May 2025 for two years. DN queried whether we should work on something more permanent. The wifi is working well in the main hall but intermittent in the Clifford Suite although installation of an ethernet cable could improve this. The committee agreed to taking the commercial route and DC agreed to do the research.

**ACTIONS: DN to organise Ethernet cable into the CS; DC to research internet companies**

**5. Maintenance**

**Drains**

SCh reported that we have a long list of handymen and women offering to help.

It was agreed that after the May report is completed, a list of jobs to be done will be drawn up, using some of the handymen who volunteered; local, not a big business.

**ACTION: SCh to organise a civil engineer and organise list with JH**

**Projector**

LP still has the projector in her home. DN illustrated to DC that the projector will be fixed in front of the stage with a cable plugging into the wall. It was queried where to put the spare bulbs.

**ACTION: LP to liaise with DC**

**Fence maintenance (from the high fence back to the hall)**

SCh has had a quote for fixing the fence: £6398 + VAT. SCh asked the committee to seek out other quotes.

DN advised that there are many builders in the cricket club.

**ACTION: Committee to seek quotes**

**The Heaters**

SW reported that the engineers had the wrong replacement parts, so are now re-ordering and will be in touch. The electrical installation condition inspection has now been done for next three years.

**ACTION: DN to pass on the requirements of the insurance company to SW**

**Maintenance report – May**

**ACTION: JH and HT to do maintenance report**

**Stuck Door Behind Stage**

SCh reported that a hirer was unable to open the door behind the stage. They thought it was locked but it was just stuck. SW reported that this has now been fixed.

**6. Events**

**Barn Dance – November**

**ACTION: LH to book date**

**7. Facebook/ Network. JH**

Dog faeces

The Pantaloons

**8. AOB**

**Weedy Patio LH**

LH has noticed that the patio is very weedy again and suggested another weeding party.

The date chosen was 1<sup>st</sup> June @ 10am – bring your own tools

**Football Net Protection LH**

LH suggested putting down some protection in front of the football net. The committee agreed.

**ACTION: DN to research synthetic grass which real grass also grows through**

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