

BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes

14th July 2025 at 7.15pm in the MAIN HALL

1. Present and in Attendance.

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

Also in attendance

Marianne Burke (choir), Roz Serle, Helena Turner

2. Apologies

Jeanette Hurst

David Costello

3. Minutes from June meeting

The management committee and the working committee unanimously agreed to the separate minutes.

Dog faeces in the field

LH has put the signs up.

LP still to do hers

ACTION: LP to design signs for the field

Kitchen Hatch

LH updated that we still need to find a tradesman but also suggested having the hall fire-assessed first. The committee agreed.

Internet

DN predicted having enough time to put the cable into the Clifford Suite in September

Drains LP

Still to be sorted

Bad smell reported in the Clifford Suite

A bad smell was reported in the Clifford Suite earlier this week but disappeared quickly. It was guessed that it's the drains. DN advised that a quick check is to turn the taps on in the kitchen and if they are running well then the drains aren't blocked.

Clifford Suite Toilets (not disabled)

Paper towels are clogging up the toilet. LP suggested moving the paper towel holder so that first instinct is to use the toiler roll.

ACTION: DC to move the paper towel holder?

4. Matters Arising

First Aid - Kitchen

HT has bought a new up-to-date first aid kit – thank you!

It was identified that maintenance of this needs to be on the maintenance check list.

ACTION: SC to check First Aid Kit on maintenance form

Barn Dance

Rolled over to next year

Tree Maintenance (on the left as you leave the carpark)

SW confirmed it's the responsibility of Highways

ACTION: LH to contact Highways

Weeding Party

Done

Main hall door

Now fixed

5. Financial report.

DN reported that it has been a fairly standard month. LP asked how much we have to spend at the moment on maintenance. DN informed the committee that there is £34,000 in the account but advised on keeping £20K = £14K for maintenance. Decorators are booked for the main hall next month (£4.5K paint / £2.5K curtains).

There is a new CAFBank website.

200 Club draw

The 200 Club numbers were drawn:

6. Alcohol requests**7. Maintenance.****Dripping overflow – changing rooms LH**

Now fixed. £30 inc new ball valve.

Progress of maintenance issues LP

LP reported that that the maintenance sub-committee have reviewed the jobs and prioritised them:

Easy fixes:

Damaged swing

ACTION: SCh to look at this

Dripping tap – bar. Might need a new tap?

ACTION: LH to ask plumber

Benches – need to be sanded and painted (DN commented that they may belong to a hirer)

ACTION: SCh to contact hirer

LH requested asking the fire officer to come and look at the doors and kitchen hatch. The committee agreed.

ACTION: LH to invite the fire officer

Heaters

LP advised replacing them and proposed that they are a higher priority than the fences. The committee agreed. DN advised that they are approx. £1500 each and need to be gas to heat the room quickly. SCh has discovered a number of energy grants to improve heating. SC queried underfloor heating and talking to the energy efficiency officers in Frome. SW and DN emphasised the need for powerful gas heaters.

ACTION:

SC to research Somerset County Council's Decarb initiative (sustainable energy)

LP to research costs with www.villagehallheating.co.uk

Flooring in the main hall

There are a number of holes appearing.

ACTION: RS to look at alternative flooring to the parquet

Paving in the playground

Roll over to next meeting

8. Events / Bookings

9. Facebook/ Network. JH

No Network 'til September now

10. AOB

Chairs

LH suggested that the chairs need to be organised and proposed doing this on 11th August

Book library

RS suggested a book library outside the hall at the cost of approx. £150

Basket Ball

RS also suggested attaching a basketball net to the wall or get a self-standing one in the field

11. Next meeting

11th August