

BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes

12th August 2024 at 7pm in the Clifford Suite

1. Present and in Attendance.

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

Also in attendance

Jeanette Hurst, Sandy Usher, Roz Serle

2. Apologies

David Costello, Lu Hughes

3. Minutes from July meeting.

The Management committee unanimously accepted the July minutes.

Matters Arising

Master list of activities – email list RS

JH reported that the new upgraded Network magazine will be featuring local events so it was suggested to hold fire on this.

Booking Secretary – dedicated BMH email address

ACTION: DN to organise when SC next goes on holiday

Maintenance Report Templates

ACTION: SC Send to DN for website

Drug Dealing

ACTION: SC to f/u

4. Financial report. 200 Club draw.

DN reported that income is down because of holidays. Expenditure normal.

JH queried payment of donations from panto which still haven't been received.

ACTION: SC to f/u with Abi from Panto

The 200 Club draw was drawn.

5. Alcohol requests

6. Recreation Ground and Village Hall: Title Without Guarantee SW

SW circulated the suggested amendment to the agreement sent by the Parish Council to assure that the BMH committee don't get caught out with costs.

7. AOB

Apple Day at the Hall – Sept/Oct

A potential hirer has requested to put on an apple-pressing day in the hall carpark but needs a tap and electricity. RS suggested that it could be exploited as a fundraiser for the hall. There is no

outside tap but a hose could be attached to either kitchen taps. It was agreed that SCh should invite the hirer to come and have a look at the situation.

ACTION: SCh to contact hirer.

AGM (end of Oct)

It was queried how far in advance the AGM should be advertised and DN discovered one week.

ACTION:

JH to put into the September Network

SC to alert members not at the meeting of the AGM - 28th October

8. Next meeting

9th September

Working Committee.

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2. Apologies

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3. Minutes from July meeting.

The working committee unanimously accepted the July minutes.

Matters Arising.

Car park lights

Action: SCh to f/u with MM

Kitchen Hatch

DN reported plenty of space to get the roller blind in

ACTION: LH to feedback at next meeting

Goalposts

SCh reported thanking FS

4. Maintenance.

DC updated on maintenance jobs done prior to the meeting.

Freezer / Storage

SCh opened up a discussion on what to replace the freezer with and invited volunteers to help clear things out in September. JH suggested "Big Doug" shelving.

ACTION:

SCh to examine her daughter's spare "Big Doug" shelving in garage to see if suitable

JH to design notices warning hirers of imminent clear out

Dishwasher

SCh has had a quote from Prime Tech Service. Domesticare have also sent a few recommendations to SCh but she hasn't followed them up yet. RS suggested that the dishwasher in the bar may need to be updated too.

ACTION: SCh to follow up Domesticare recommendations.

Sound System

SW met with Sounds of Frome and they deduced that the amp is causing the crackles. They can replace the amp for £600. SW has also spoken with Panto but they are unsure of what they need besides having a facility for connecting a laptop and Bluetooth. DN also requested an output for extendable speakers.

ACTION: SW to f/u with Sounds of Frome

Sound System Access

SW proposed to keep the kit locked up and give hirer's permission when asked.

DN also proposed putting the option on the booking form with a fee.

New Community Facility @ The Baptist Chapel

It was suggested that the Parish Council come and talk to the committee about their proposal. It was also suggested that the Parish Council should generally be represented at BMH committee meetings.

ACTION: SC to invite Clive Winterbourne to the next meeting

PantaloonS SCH / JH

JH reported a small but perfectly formed evening with approx. £300 raised and suggested only providing snacks rather than catering at the next one. LP suggested emphasising “fun for all the family” next time.

ACTION: JH to book PantaloonS for next year

Beckington Mailing List

It was suggested to start a mailing list and RS is happy to manually collect emails at events.

Replacement Chairs

RS reported no fire retardant label on the chairs so this didn't go ahead.

Main Hall Curtains

SCh reported that LH now has the hooks.

ACTION: LH to give SCh the hooks

5. Events

Exercise Class – Booking Clash (new meeting times in 2025)

It was agreed that only the meetings which clash with the exercise class in the main hall should start later – 7.15/7.30pm

ACTION: SC to amend bookings and contact hirer.

Village Trail – 28th September

RS is organising a Village Trail to raise money for the hall.

ACTIONS:

SC to cancel 14th Sept booking

JH to give RS the PantaloonS banner for writing on the back

6. Facebook/ Network. JH

JH reported that articles can only be 150 words or less going forward to she will prepare a pithy PantaloonS update.

7. AOB.

More Committee Members LP

LP reported that DM has expressed an interest.

ACTION: LP to invite DM to the next meeting

New Teapot in the Main Hall JH

JH requested a new teapot and SCh suggested that she take the initiative and send the bill to DN.

ACTION: JH to purchase a teapot and send receipt to DN

Location of Toilet Paper JH

JH requested to know the location of toilet paper storage at the hall.

ACTION: JH to contact Sarah the cleaner for location of toilet paper storage

8. EV Charger SCh

Sch suggested having an EV charger at the hall and reported that there is funding available. The opinion was mixed and it was suggested that this might be the Parish Council's responsibility.

ACTION: SCh to raise with PC if they come to next meeting. Need to get agreement signed etc first. In meantime SCh will investigate community chargers.

9. Next Meeting

9th September

Next agenda:

Maintenance plan

Main hall curtains