

BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes

13th January 2025 at 7pm in the Clifford Suite

Management Committee

1. Present and in Attendance.

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

Also in Attendance

Jeanette Hurst, Roz Serle, David Costello

2. Apologies

Sandy Usher, Laura Parry

3. Minutes from December meeting

The committee unanimously accepted the minutes.

4. Financial report.

DN reported that finances are normal for this time of year; income £8k / outgoings £5k
Play area repairs to be paid after work (postponed)

200 Club draw.

The 200 Club was drawn

5. Alcohol requests

6. AOB

Hiring the field

A hirer has requested to hire the field for erecting an inflatable assault course.

The committee unanimously approved use with the hire of the Clifford Suite as long as it won't disrupt cricket in any way.

Using the piano for a tea-party JH

A former chair of the committee has requested the use of the piano at a church event. JH offered to escort him. The committee unanimously agreed.

Planning permission for Tower Hill

A planning application for 50 houses in the village has been submitted. Mendip have refused. The contractors have appealed. Deadline for approval/objection - 14th Feb. Access to and from the entrance to the site is directly opposite the playground. DN suggested using bollards on the layby to divert traffic. SCh proposed submitting comments, eg. the hall has a license until midnight and uses that road for overspill parking. The road is narrow and will need improvement. The Parish Council have commented that it's outside the permitted development area. The committee agreed to let SCh collate comments and send to applicants.

ACTION: SCh to collate and send comments

7. Next meeting

10th February

1. Present and in Attendance.

Suzanne Chillman (chair), Sara Coffield (secretary), David Norman (treasurer), Lu Hughes, Stan Wilson, Jeanette Hurst, Roz Serle, David Costello

Also in Attendance:

Jemma Hillman

2. Apologies

Sandy Usher, Laura Parry

3. Minutes from December meeting.

The minutes were unanimously accepted by the committee

Matters Arising

Kitchen Hatch / carbon monoxide monitoring / smoke detectors

LH has been following up but received no reply

ACTION: LH to phone the Community Council for Somerset

Storage behind stage

SCh has not had time to do this yet

ACTION: SCh to sort storage

Fencing

DC spoke to SW; the bollards are too long and not evenly spaced

SW will give us a quote. JH recommends SW

Tree Surgeon

SW is meeting WP at the hall at the weekend

Painting the hall

SCh has booked the decorators in for the week running up to the bank holiday in August

Projector

SCh has contacted SB and will arrange for the projector to be delivered to the hall.

Roof repair

ACTION: DC to contact roofers

Changing Rooms – refurb

ACTION: DN to talk to the CC

Wickes

SCh informed the committee that Wickes often donate kitchens and bathrooms to good causes so she has registered the hall and will pop into one of their shops to find out more.

Grass Cutting

JH has contacted the PC but not heard anything back yet.

Ansaphone

The ansaphone service is not working currently.

ACTION: DN and SC to sort out the ansaphone

4. Maintenance

Gritting icy areas at the hall

A hirer asked if they can grit icy areas. SCh queried whether the hall is responsible for gritting the premises. It was concluded not. DN suggested that the hirers can buy grit from hardware stores.

ACTION: Hirer to buy grit

Heating in the main hall

The hall is regularly smelling of gas so it was concluded that carbon monoxide monitors could be sensible.

ACTION: DC to buy 3 monitors

Ladder in the CS

SCh pointed out that the ladder needs new home.

Goalposts

DC has dug out the old goalpost sleeves

Toilet seats CS

DC has fixed the wobbly toilet seat.

5. Events

Panto

The committee would like to formally thank the Panto for another successful Panto this Christmas.

Carols around the Tree

The committee would like to formally thank Jemma and her team for carols around the tree again this Christmas.

6. Facebook/ Network. JH

200 Club

Playground flooring

Thank you for carols and panto

7. AOB

Wifi notices SC

SC fed back that it is not obvious where the wifi codes are.

ACTION: SCh to make wifi notices more obvious

PA / lights

SC has had an enquiry about the PA and queried general use of using the PA and lights. DN informed SC that keys are needed to unlock the storage area and need to be pre-organised (SCh and SW have the keys).

There is a key box on the stage which could be set up with a code. The input on the new sound system is dual phono or 3.5ml jack (leads not provided). The PA and lights are not generally available for hirer use.

ACTION: SC to contact hirer about PA

8. Next meeting

10th February