

BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes

13th October 2025 at 7pm in the Clifford Suite

1. Present and in Attendance.

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

2. Apologies

David Costello

3. Minutes from September meeting.

The management committee accepted the minutes.

The working committee accepted the minutes.

4. Matters Arising

Garage key

LH now has a key! The CC are getting more cut but it's not a simple process.

Ethernet cable

ACTION: DN still to do

Flooring in the hall

The committee now have a couple of quotes. SW queried whether the floor can be restored?

LH explained that a lot of the blocks have shrunk.

ACTION: SW & LH to get comparison quotes

Paving in the playground

LH has received a quote: £954 to take up and relay 45 slabs.

ACTION: Committee to get some comparison quotes

ROSPA Report

Jobs to be done need to be defined more accurately and given to handymen.

ACTION: Playground sub-committee to deal with this

New Parish Council Website

There is now a new PC website and they have requested images and blurb from the BMH to upload.

Action: JH to send hall details to PC for upload

Bar Hatch

Two new catches and a sign are now on the bar hatch.

Heating

The committee are still reviewing heating solutions. A hirer reported the smell of gas in the main hall just before the meeting commenced today and DN commented that the heater in the CS is louder than it should be. Kestrel manufactured the heater that we have in the Clifford Suite. SCh asked DN to research a more modern version of what we have. Gas heating seems to be a better option than air source – very expensive although there could be grants for the installation. The committee agreed to remove the heater instructions and padlock code from the folder for now to stop hirers tampering with the heating.

ACTIONS:

DN to ask Kestrel for a more modern version of the heaters we already have

DN to research gas monitor

Take away the instructions and padlock code for now

SCh to organise gas check

5. Financial report.

DN shared the end of year report:

Outgoings £12k more than income. £14.k – fundraising. Major project – £26k. Play area – raised money over a number of years. Decorating. Funds during Covid. Day to day running is good – we are affording running costs. £27.5k in the accounts.

200 Club draw

The September draw was done. We cannot do the October draw until membership renewals are completed.

ACTIONS:

SW and LP to chase memberships

JH to advertise 200 Club in Network

DN to add form to the website

6. Alcohol requests

7. Maintenance.

SCh requested the coordination of a Funding Group for general maintenance and SU, LH, JH & HT agreed to join. LP suggested a community campaign to save the main hall floor!

ACTION: Funding Group to meet separately

8. Hire charges / Ts&Cs of Hire SCh

SCh asked the committee if we are competitive? Nothing resolved at this point.

9. Events (ideas)

Quiz – 28th Feb 2026

Abba Tea-Party

Meal in a Bowl (artisans donate a homemade bowl)

Family Bingo

ACTION: SC to book quiz on 28/2/26 from 3-11pm

10. Facebook/ Network. JH

200 Club

Defibrillator

Chairman's Report

The defib has gone missing. JH to signpost to the other one at the Woolpack.

11. AOB.

Finances

DN asked LH for help with online banking. LH agreed.

Kitchen bin

The sign is wrong. The new bin is red.

ACTION: JH to do a new sign

Website

DN asked the committee for ideas for what should be on the website but is not.

Book library

ACTION: RS to research book library

12. Next meeting

10th November