

Minutes of East Farndon Village Hall Committee Meeting (inc. AGM)

Thursday 23 April. 2026 7.00pm

Present: Paul Hodgetts (Chair); John Duke; Mike Persichini; Jo Shaw; Elaine Pepler; Anthea Bartram; Sam Beesley

AGM

- Annual Report and Accounts was circulated and approved.
- PH, JD and MP re-appointed as Chair, Treasurer & Secretary respectively with this to be MP's last year on the Committee.
- Jess Oakden, Rosie O' Connor and Laurel Curtis tendered their resignation as Trustees (MP to update Charity Commission website and JS to remove from Whats App group) with thanks given for all of their respective efforts whilst members of the Committee.

Previous Minutes

- The Minutes that had been circulated to the committee members were reviewed and approved. It was also confirmed that all of the replacement lighting, heaters and car park projects have been completed.
- The Policy Review has also been completed with the updated Safeguarding Policy to be circulated separately and with all Committee Members/Trustees to complete a Declaration of Acceptance. EP appointed as Safeguarding "Officer" for EFVH.
- In terms of the heating PH to produce e mail/sign detailing method of operation.
- PH also to acquire tin of Johnsons magnolia paint for use as and when required.
- Hire Agreement- still to be amended to include suitable wording to effect that any cars left outside the hall would be left at owners' risk particularly any left on/near the "blind bend" on Main Street. PH to draft wording to include in the hire agreement with MP to update document thereafter.
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Finance

- Finance Report (YE) continues to portray a satisfactory position with modest Surplus in evidence for the year and healthy reserves held at period end.
- Noted that aforementioned projects were post balance sheet events and that income from solar will be significantly reduced going forward given much reduced rates from E.On (8p v 16.5p per KWH).

Events etc

- Q2 event to be a “Play Your Cards Right” night (12th June) and to be hosted by Steve (noting his previous Bull Inn Clipston event experience). Teresa White has kindly made available the relevant materials. Consensus was that food/drink be provided, potentially “Pie & Peas”. PH and JS to arrange meeting with Steve to discuss details and revert to Committee thereafter. As part of event potential raffle to be held in support of local worthy “cause” (e.g. for Church vestry).
- In terms of a Q3 event, proposed that this be a combined BBQ/Beer Festival to be held on 5th Sept.
- For Q4, Panto (Sleeping Beauty) date confirmed as 12th Dec (evening).
- It was, additionally, noted that MG intend to hold a Wine Tasting evening on 14th Nov in the Hall with all villagers welcome to attend.
- Temporary Event Notices will be required for PYCR, BBQ and Panto with MP to arrange in due course.

AOB

- AB to investigate replacing the current curtains with Blinds (Hillarys and Harborough Blinds to be approached in this respect).
- Minutes to be added to Village website again going forward (MP to submit).

Date of next meeting

- Thursday 11th June at 7pm.