

Minutes of East Farndon Village Hall Committee Meeting

Thursday 6th Aug. 2026 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Elaine Pepler

Previous Minutes

- The Minutes that had been circulated to the committee members were reviewed and approved.
- PH and AB to return their completed Safeguarding Declarations.
- Guttering to be cleaned prior to YE with MP to confirm arrangements with "Rejuvenate" - cost expected to be < £200.

Finance

- Finance Report continues to portray a satisfactory position with healthy reserves remaining in evidence.

Events etc

- Q2 event "Play Your Cards Right" night (12th June) was a great success with Steve Foster to be approached to ascertain whether he would be willing to run other social events going forward.
- In terms of a Q3 event BBQ/Beer Festival no longer to be held so next event will be Wine Tasting evening on 14th Nov (run by MG) in the Hall with all villagers welcome to attend.
- For Q4, Panto (Sleeping Beauty) to be held on 12th Dec (evening).

AOB

- Insurance renewed following satisfactory Energy Inspection undertaken by BRM. PH to obtain confirmation that Hall is owned by the Parish Council so that this can be communicated/confirmed to the Insurers and any endorsements applied as appropriate.
- MP to explore whether a Food Hygiene Certificate is required for the Hall.
- AB and SB, following extensive research, proposed that new fire retardant curtains be installed by Brookside in MH at a cost of around £922 with Committee providing their agreement.

- It was also proposed that 2 quotes would be obtained to paint the Hall walls with these to be obtained by PH and MP.
- PH to arrange skip hire to clear the container at MG.
- Noting that a couple of villagers have recently requested to borrow chairs, tables etc. from the Hall for functions (most recent Richard West) it was suggested that this be publicised as available to villagers more widely (subject to returnable deposit being paid) with PH to mention in the next magazine.

Date of next meeting

- Thursday 1st October at 7pm.