

Minutes of East Farndon Village Hall Committee Meeting

Thursday 1st October 2026 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Sam Beesley

Previous Minutes

- The Minutes that had been circulated to the committee members were reviewed and approved.
- All Safeguarding Declarations now completed.
- Guttering to be cleaned prior to YE with October completion targeted- cost expected to be < £200.
- Hall ownership clarified (PC legal owners in capacity as Custodian Trustee with EFVH Charity beneficial owners) and Insurers advised accordingly. No further action required.
- MP obtained confirmation via West Northants Council that Food Hygiene Certificate not required.
- PH to reference in next Village Magazine that Hall chairs, tables etc. can be borrowed by villagers for functions.

Finance

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

Events etc

- There are two scheduled events in Q4 which are to be held on behalf of Marriott Green, namely Kenny Young & the Eggplants on 29th October and Spanish Wine Tasting evening on 14th November. TENs held for both events.
- Also in Q4 will be the annual Panto (Sleeping Beauty) which is to be held on 12th Dec (late afternoon/early evening). JS to provide marketing materials for inclusion in next village magazine. MP to obtain TEN.
- The potential for a Comedy Night to be held was also discussed (US/Canadian entity looking to expand into the UK)- decided not to progress meantime but to revisit in 2027.
- For Q1 27, looking to hold a Pub Night in January with JS to contact Steve (who ran highly successful Play Your Cards Right night) in this regard.

AOB

- Hall Redecoration- new curtains to be provided by Brookside Carpets with deposit already paid. In terms of painting, it was decided to repaint entire hall (including kitchen and toilets) with the work to be undertaken by Steve Godding who is well known to a number of villagers. Paint colour to be used to be confirmed by AB/SB. The works to be carried out once SG's availability and access requirements determined. AB/SB also to consider whether, additionally, consideration to be given to repainting wooden rails along walls albeit decorators that provided quotes advised that this would not be optimal.
- PH to progress with skip hire to clear out container on Marriott Green.
- MP to investigate with Council whether larger waste bin can be provided for the Hall.
- PH to seal gap at top of door towards rear of Hall.
- Placement of new village sign to be discussed at next meeting.

Date of next meeting

- Thursday 3rd December at 7pm.