

## **Minutes of the Buckland Newton Village Hall committee meeting held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Attendance - Kate Parish(KP), Lyn Cox(LC), Georgie Burnett (GB), Jenny Ferreira (JF), Ian Scott (IS), Michelle Crozier-Jobber(MC-J), Sandi Stout (SS) and Caron White(CW).

1. Apologies – Nicki Barker (NB).
2. Declarations of interest – Caron White (Committee Member) is the partner of Stephen White electrician who undertakes work at the Hall.
3. Approval of minutes from the meeting held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed to be a true record and signed by the chair.
4. Matters arising
  - a. Action to devise a way of safely securing open the patio doors is ongoing.
  - b. KP has not yet received information regarding the potential car charging point.
  - c. A new Pilates class has not yet started.
  - d. The repairs to the veranda are due to commence during the Easter holidays.
  - e. The notice board has been taken down. IS will investigate repair.
  - f. Regarding the lighting of the car park, CW has consulted Stephen White (electrician) who has advised that to effectively light the car park, lights would have to be positioned high up on poles. Lights positioned lower down would dazzle. IS pointed out that an outside light can be manually operated by a switch inside the front door. It was decided that a technical session for the committee and regular users would be a good idea.
  - g. Power points in the committee room – Stephen White to carry out this work.
  - h. The village hall grit bin will not be topped up with sand by the Parish Council as the village grit bin is now sited next to the Parish Room. The village hall bin has been damaged by a vehicle – Mick Ames to assess and advise regarding repair or replacement.

- i. KP is investigating sheds to replace the current one on the patio. A grant from Dorset Community Foundation will pay for a shed, dart boards and indoor crazy golf. M C-J suggested a metal shed as an option.
- j. The Community Cooking Kit has arrived. To be stored in cupboards in the committee room and in boxes in the loft.
- k. GB reported that the toddler group tables are a very tight fit for the cupboard in which they are stored. Nick Baker to be asked about altering the cupboard.
- l. KP reported that Wessex Internet have charged us a reduced installation fee (£258) and will charge the hall £1 per month for five years.
- m. KH asked if the radiators pipe ends had been capped after a recent accident involving a child at Little Goslings. This has been done. There is an accident book in the kitchen and each user organisation should also record accidents.

## 5. Treasurer's report

Bank Account Balances – 31/3/25

**CAF/Shawbrook Bank** - £20,000 in a fixed term deposit account until 11 July 2025

### HSBC

£9143.44 in instant access deposit account

£5933.63 in current account

This has given us a Y/E total of £35077.07 which is £7.5k higher than last year – due to £2k still being in the current account of grant money for the new shed and play equipment and the Family Hub money for year ending 2025/26 received in advance.

### Major Expenses over the last Quarter

Oil - £500

Insurance - £855

Electric DD - £320

Boiler Service - £104

### Outstanding Income Receipts

No major receipts outstanding from the past QTR

### **Other Points**

- Dorset Council has confirmed that our non-domestic rate bill for 2025/26 is again Zero.
- New Boiler quote from PR Elford £5128 + VAT. Jim (Aquaheat) is going to look at the boiler on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April and maybe be able to fix it for a few hundred pounds. I.S. reported that ACRE has information on replacing heating in village halls. There are no grants available to help with the cost of replacing oil boilers. For potential boiler costs KP will approach Dorset Council.
- £2k grant received for shed and play equipment 24/2/25
- Water and Sewerage bill has seen an increase of 15.8% for 2025/26

### 6. Hall Bookings

- a. We need more bookings and possibly fundraising events. KP stated that it is to be hoped that the Hall will continue to receive funding for the Family Hub. Across the County, the Hubs are being run by volunteers. Buckland Newton being the only rural hub in Dorset. KP has met with Phil Sales (Head teacher at BNS) who is to receive funding for wrap around care from the Department for Education but cannot easily run this on the school premises. KP and Phil Sales are scheduled to have a meeting with the County on the 1 May to discuss providing after school care five days a week 3.00pm - 5.30pm, with hopefully 3 days a week being based at the Village Hall.
- b. IS reported that the Piddle Valley Players use of the hall went well. The booking by the long distance walkers was also successful. Speech therapists are using the committee room on a quarterly basis. Someone did come to view the hall regarding starting a Pilates class on a Monday or Wednesday evening and should come back with a

proposal. The first session will be free to assess take up of the class.

There are lots of bookings for children's parties.

7. New boiler and 8. Quote for electrical work from P and R Hurt.

The action regarding the boiler has been covered in 5. Treasurer's report. Regarding the quote from P and R Hurt, it was decided to leave that work until a future date as the boiler is the priority. When the decision is made to go ahead with the electrical work another quote will be obtained.

8. AGM

The AGM will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 10.00am.

9. AOB

- a. The Technical session for committee members and regular users will be on Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.
- b. SS stated that a toilet seat in the ladies toilet is loose.
- c. KH asked about the toilet seat in the disabled toilet. The regular toilet seat had to be removed because the commode style seat did not fit if it was there.
- d. The water heater in the kitchen needs a new filter – CW to order.
- e. The blind in the committee room has been fixed.
- f. GB will check the first aid kit and order supplies as necessary.
- g. JF reported that one member of the lunch club team has gained a food hygiene certificate and others are ongoing. KP is waiting for codes to be sent regarding the course. KP will also send codes to The Little Goslings committee.

10. Date of next meeting.

The next committee meeting will be after the AGM on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>.