Wreningham Village Hall Management Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Wednesday 14 January 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Sue Pink (Chair), Nick Pink, Jennie Schamp, Janet Richardson, Andrea Tancred, Natalie Griffiths, Keith O'Neill, Heather Bond (Minutes)

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2025 and matters arising

Christmas events went well but we ran out of mulled wine & mince pies after the lights switch on. Shirley is very happy with the special hire rate and won't book the bar but Jennie hasn't heard anything from Sandra. There haven't been any offers for vacancies on the committee. The bar staff weren't given a bonus because of financial circumstances but they would like a card of thanks from the committee.

2 Bookings Secretary/Hallmaster

Jennie is leaving the village on 25th January. Sue asked for a list of what the role involves, which probably takes up to 4 hours a week. We have had a couple of volunteers for the bar. Neil ? who lives in a new bungalow on Wymondham Road, recently joined the Parish Council and might possibly be interested in joining the village hall. We need a Booking secretary and a Treasurer. Natalie met a lady who might be interested in joining the committee.

3 Review of the village questionnaire

When a review is done of the questionnaire, it will be circulated. Natalie received 73 responses. Those who responded said they only visit the hall a few times a year. The majority come to a community event: fish & chips, school events, cocktail night. They don't attend if the events are not relevant to them, or the timing is not suitable. They would like events such as a BBQ in summer, exercise classes, more family focused events for children 5-7, live music, food vans: (Andrea offered to investigate), gardening events, music etc, a Fireworks night, Halloween (which we can't hold here but we could have a light night), markets or a fete, craft, food, local produce, Pilates, comedy nights, an Easter disco, summer bbq with a live singer, scarecrow trail etc (advertised through Facebook). A School disco costs £140. Sue said we are happy to provide these events but we need helpers and people to support events. Natalie suggested asking for a deposit on booking and not giving out the key code to random people and that the bar should always be hired with a booking. Natalie said she would be prepared to be a key holder.

3a) Mardle Review

Mick & Sue no longer want to produce the paper version of the Mardle but they are prepared to do the digital version, and they are not currently able to run a quiz on health grounds. We receive £100 from the PC towards the costs of the Mardle plus revenue from advertisers. Would the PC be prepared to pay for the paper copy of the Mardle? Alternatively, we only provide a digital version.

4 Finances

Sue Pink circulated copies of the Accounts to 31 December. The comparison to last year is slightly better than anticipated. Thanks to Keith and Nick for all their work on the bar.

5 Solar panels update

Andrea said grants are available through South Norfolk Council. Neil will help Andrea put forward an application. The Parish Council is in full agreement but, although they haven't committed an amount, it's likely they will contribute. Batteries can be added after the installation. Andrea is prepared to do a colour run to raise funds. Nick suggested Andrea email our MP who can help with funding sources and will write letters of support. Andrea asked if Sue could attend a meeting of the PC on 12 May at 7pm A Section 106 on the Farthings has been signed so work may start soon.

6 Bar update

Income from the bar was higher in 2023 than in 2024 and 2025. Takings are down £3,000 compared to last year as there have been fewer events. Keith can't reduce costs any more. Keith will ask the Police what action they would take concerning the rave.

7 Forthcoming events

An enquiry has been received from the Blood donation service. The size of hall is adequate, using the W&W as reception. There is sufficient parking and space for equipment cages. Their sessions are 9am-6pm or 12-9pm. We should charge a non resident rate of £18 hour for both rooms, but not during school term time.
Andrea and Natalie will discuss events such as Drag bingo, a tribute night, discos etc but bear in mind how long the event will last and how much it will cost to run the bar (£240 to break even).
Janet advised that the community group would like to hold the following events:
18 April: Trail walk to Longs Wood at 10am, serving light lunches from 12. (Keith said they would need to vacate by 3pm for a booking in the evening).
5 September: Scavenger Hunt 10-12
8-11 October: Beer Festival
9th October: Beer, burger & bingo night

8 Any other business

Nick has done work on the fire door which has solved the problem - thanks to Nick for all his work.

9 Date of next meeting:

25 March 7.30pm.

Meeting ended 10pm.