Minutes of Village Hall Committee Meeting

29 April 2026 at 6pm

Present: Sue Pink (Chair), Nick Pink, Andrea Tancred, Natalie Griffiths, Philippa Bindley, Keith O'Neill, Sue & Mick Ryder, Heather Bond (Minutes)

1 Apologies for absence

Bethan Harvey sent her apologies. Janet Richardson has resigned as a Trustee. Sue Pink expressed her thanks for all Janet's work for the committee, which was much appreciated.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2026

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and there were no matters arising other than those in the agenda. Sue Ryder asked for an amendment to item 3 of the minutes of January's meeting, which was agreed.

3 Solar panels

Andrea has received 3 quotes. It was decided to go with Impact who have had experience of other similar projects. 36 panels would be installed of a specific size, saving on energy costs. A battery would be installed inside the building. She will be setting up Easy fundraising which will be advertised in the Mardle. They give a percentage of an individual's spending to the village hall.
Andrea will be applying to the Geoffrey Watkins' Trust and to hirers of the hall, and local businesses for sponsorship. She will also contact the Great British Energy Fund as well as Tesco and Waitrose. Andrea will set up a Zeffy 'go fund me' for donations. Sue Pink suggested approaching the John Jarrold Trust for funding.

4 Parish Council update

There hasn't been a meeting of the PC since the last Village Hall meeting. The PC is seeking quotes for replacement swings in the playground.

5 Hallmaster update

Philly reported that she is getting on well with Hallmaster and she has followed up on overdue invoices. Sue Pink expressed her thanks to Philly for getting to grips with Hallmaster so quickly.

6 Forthcoming events

We are waiting for a response from hirers about Martyn's Law. Several hirers have food certificates. The Easter disco was very successful.
Feet up Friday: Natalie is trying to get a variety of food trucks: chicken wraps, Greek etc. This week's event is curry and wood fired pizza.
Summer BBQ 11th July will be a solar panel fundraiser, with live music, food, bouncy castle, face painting, ice cream van available.
Halloween disco 25 October: entertainer, kids disco.
Christmas light switch on 5 December: food truck, singer, floodlights
Natalie would like to introduce a Stay and Play day once a per week in the school holidays from 10.30-3.30pm. She would like a family friendly event on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve as well the normal adult-focussed events.

7 Bar update

Keith advised that the bar is running well and income is up on last year. More prosecco will be available for future events

8 Any Other Business

Natalie would like to investigate a Fish & Chip van. She suggested opening the bar for the World Cup with a projector screen.

Val Keale has asked if she can put her recycling bin in the VH. It was agreed it can be positioned next to the glass recycling bins.

Philly will write something for the Mardle asking for volunteers.

Date of next meeting 17 June 7pm