Wreningham Village Hall Management Committee

Wednesday 26th August 2026 at 6.30pm

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

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2026 and matters arising

The minutes were agreed as correct.

2 Solar panels update

Andrea advised that the Bracon Ash Grant was unsuccessful but we are awaiting the outcome of Geoffrey Watling & South Norfolk grants in September. Mick reported that £1,314.26 has been received in donations.

3 Parish Council

Road closure: Andrea will speak to Jackson's and then the local councillor about what will happen when school starts back next week. Work on the Farthings has started. Complaints have been made by families in the village about the playground. Keith Morris is awaiting a budget for replacing the swings and additional play equipment.

4 Finances

Income has improved on last year, from lettings and the bar, and there haven't been any large items of expenditure.

5 Hallmaster

Regular hirings are continuing but there is still an issue with storage. Nick suggested looking to see if storage cupboards could be fitted in the committee room and in the shed. Invoices will be sent out at the beginning of September. Philly is compiling a list for hirers of where everything is located in the hall, which she'll send to Nick for his additions.

6 Report on the Mardle - deferred to next meeting.

Sue asked if Mick could put a note on WhatsOn to suggest that should anyone notice a new neighbour moving in to the village, that they be welcomed and given a handbook.

7 Bar update

Keith reported that takings were up £5,500 from January to July, compared to last year. Over £3,000 was taken at the bar at a recent event. On the day of the Colour Run, hirers will need access to the hall from 5pm. It was agreed that there wouldn't be any tables and chairs set out in the hall, because of problems with paint in the hall last year. Andrea will ask families to bring a change of clothes, a chair and a picnic blanket. Sue asked Natalie to let her know what help is needed.

8 Forthcoming events

Summer holidays events for children started well, with about 30 children, but nobody came last week. Next year, Natalie said she will run it on different days.

Feet up Friday: There won't be one in October but a Greek food van in November. Next year, Feet up Fridays will be moved to the second Friday in the month, so as not to clash with cocktail night. There won't be a cocktail evening in October.

Halloween: a volunteer is needed to run the bar 2-4pm. There is an 80s night on 28th November.

Wreningham Christmas lights: meet at the tree at 4pm then come to the bar afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies, also a pizza truck and waffles.

9 Any other business

Communities action fund: grants are available up to £40,000. Philly suggested we should decide what needs improving and come up with ideas for the next meeting.

10. Date of next meeting: Monday 12th October 6.30pm
AGM Wednesday 25th November 7pm