



Minutes of Meeting Held on 19th August 2026

Present:

Committee

Lyn Easton – Chair

Neil Taylor – Treasurer

Jenny Sandars – Bookings Clerk

Chloe Shuttlewood – Secretary

Fiona Smith

Caretaker

Gareth Posnett

Members of the public

Ann Price; Tom Price

			Action
1		Apologies for Absence None.	
2		Minutes of Previous Meeting The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 th July were approved by LE and seconded by JS.	
3		Matters arising from the Minutes	
	3.1	Work to the roof is ongoing. The work to the small hall windows is complete. A new notice board has arrived and will be installed outside. The hot water issue from last month was fixed by the plumber. LE still needs to talk to the Pre-school leader about the furniture.	
4		Chair's Report	
	4.1	The small hall walls are to be painted (future project).	
	4.2	We have already received two quotes for the work to the toilets; a third is about to be received.	
	4.3	More quotes are also needed for the floating ceiling.	
5		Treasurer's Report (including Restoration Fund/Appeal)	
	5.1	1) After all Fiona's hard work the wine tasting generated a surplus of £898.79 (included in the figures below).	

		Ticket Sales - 48 x £35 - £1,680 <i>plus</i> Raffle Income - £300 <i>plus</i> Donation - £10 <i>less</i> Wine - (£940) <i>less</i> Other Expenses - (£151.21) 2) In terms of cash the situation is also healthy. What I have tried to do here is account for all the different funding to arrive at a 'true' trading position for the year. Santander Bank A/c 18/8/26 - £42,806.75 <i>less</i> Medbourne Trust - £20,000 <i>less</i> Section 106 Grant - £7,535.60 (This is the net figure following the payments of £5,251.66 to Artic Glaze for the secondary windows) <i>plus</i> Transfer to MHBS - £4,959.79 (Building Society account balance stands at £30,000) <i>less</i> Santander Bank A/c 1/4/26 - £13,929.59 So the operating surplus to date for 2026/27 is £6,301.35* (£42,806.75 - £20,000 - £7,535.6 + £4,959.79 - £13,929.59) *It should be noted that there have been no caretaking expenses incurred since 1st April, 2026. 3) Other information - MHBS have reduced the notice period on the building society account from 180 days to 90 days. - The South Leicestershire Medical Group have paid their last quarter's account. <i>Neil Taylor</i> <i>Treasurer</i>	
6		Caretaking/Maintenance/Defibrillator	
	6.1	£340 is needed to buy two vacuum cleaners – a 'Shark' plus a 'Titan' which would be a wet & dry hoover. GP will check prices.	GP
	6.2	GP suggested that a small cigarette disposal unit should be installed to avoid having cigarette butts left on the ground. This would be located discreetly outside at the porch of the surgery.	
	6.3	For security reasons, a video doorbell might be purchased. This would enable us to have greater security for the hall and it would act as a deterrent. GP will look at costs.	GP
7		Bookings JS queried whether the ongoing work to the roof would affect bookings this month. LE confirmed that this should not be a	

		problem and the hirers have been informed. The work should be complete before the upcoming wedding. The Committee discussed the bookings process and how this can be improved. It was decided that JS would, from now on, call all potential hirers to have a conversation about their potential booking (which would ensure that the phone number given is a real contact number). Regarding damage deposits, FS will check to see what other local village halls are charging and will report back.	FS
8		Events The Duncan Murray wine tasting evening was a huge success, and a good time was had by all. It was a good opportunity to promote ways that the village hall can be used and encourage people to book future events. NT and FS will soon begin advertising for the saxophone concert in October. NT also has contact details for an Irish band who would charge £500 to perform; this could be an event for November or for the new year. NT will circulate more information. Christmas 2026 – this year we will organise a bigger event, including having a ‘Father Christmas’ in attendance.	FS/NT
9		Any Other Business It was reported that a wheelchair user was unable to enter the hall because the second front door was closed. Those present at Monday Teas may need to check the doors to ensure that the hall is accessible to all. NT queried whether the user groups e.g. Scouts have received their fire safety training, and also mentioned Martyn’s law compliance (which NT emailed the Committee about). This will be discussed at the next meeting.	
10		Public Question Time None.	
11		Date of Next Meeting There will be no meeting in September. October 21st at 7pm.	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:10.