

ENFORD RECREATION GROUND. AND VILLAGE HALL TRUST

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.30 pm

Present: Judy D'Arcy Irvine, Hamish Scott-Dagleish, Hannah Tucker, Jackie Elkins, Jane Young, David Spencer

Apologies: Steve Todd, Chris Rose, Lewis Honeywill

In Attendance: Alexis Mitchell Rowe, Alex Hale, Tania Hale

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 14 November 2024 were proposed and seconded.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Included in the following reports.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts for the period up to 18 February 2025 were presented. The overall position showed a deficit of £6,035 to date, mainly due to increased repairs and maintenance costs. These included painting all the outside woodwork with three coats of Sadolin at a cost of £3,424. There had been additional expenditure invested in upgrading all lighting to LEDs, the installation of Smart thermostats and resultant amendments to the heating system amounting to £4,478. A new remote control cinema screen had been installed (and was demonstrated). The cost of £720 for the screen, plus installation £300, together with the annual film licence £340, should be covered by revenue from the Film Club.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Some items had already been covered in the Treasurer's report and others are covered below.

5. HEATING/LIGHTING

A grant application was being submitted to Westmill Solar Energy towards the cost of upgrading and replacing all lighting to LEDs together with the work installing Smart thermostats. Nathan Abbott had done an excellent job which had its complications requiring additional work to the underfloor heating manifolds. A new circulation pump is still needed for the Heat Pump which will cost up to £1,000.

Electrical sockets had been installed in both changing rooms for the Great Bustard Group costing £180. The 5 year electrical inspection had been carried out on 3 February which cost £600. No issues were identified except rust on an isolator switch inside the Klargester control box, quoted replacement cost £108.

6. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Thanks were extended to Tania and Alex Hale for their high standards of cleaning. They were keen to help with other maintenance tasks which would be very helpful.

The bi-annual fire inspection had been carried out with no issues, cost £160 p.a. Additional maintenance included repainting the main hall, meeting room area and entrance hall with repairs to the sports store door and guttering nearby amounting to £555. Replacement of one CCTV camera and wiring cost £322.

Future main expenses in the current financial year include the security shutters service (£1,200+) Klargester service £288, Hallmaster Licence (£253) and annual insurance (£1,250). A quotation had been obtained for repairs to the Polyflor flooring and capping strips. This amounted to £1,500 so a second quotation will be obtained for comparison.

7. GREAT BUSTARD GROUP

The Great Bustard Group is now occupying the second changing room and using it as an office. This was not included in the hire charge previously arranged for the shop/display area together with the parking and use of the loos. The GBG pays charity rate charges when they hire the main hall and kitchen area but it was agreed that an additional fee for the second room would be fair. The village hall would still be able to use it for storage or access when required. It was agreed that the request to use the outside tap for washing down their vehicles in the car park was not a good idea as the car park is used by many others.

An outline quotation had been obtained for removing all the plumbing fittings in the changing rooms if it is decided to return the rooms to normal use. The cost was estimated around £600 + vat per room plus there would be additional costs for making good walls and floors, together with removing benches etc.

8. WEBSITE / MARKETING

Chris Rose had applied for a Domain name 'Enford Village Hall' for which there is a charge of £70 and he has drafted an entry. There was some discussion as to whether a separate website for the hall is required as it is currently linked to the Newsletter which works well. The hall also has an entry on the Wiltshire Village Halls Association website. However more marketing is needed and research needs to be carried out into social media and other possible outlets to see how this can be done most effectively.

9. VOLUNTEERS

More volunteers are needed to help with running of the hall. There is plenty of enthusiasm but it requires significant application and time to ensure all aspects of the day to day organization and upkeep run smoothly and efficiently.

10. FOOTBALL

Two football teams had recently shown an interest in using the pitch and changing rooms but their commitment had waned when advised that they would be responsible for marking the pitch, setting up nets and equipment and for ensuring facilities were left clean and tidy.

The Junior Football Club, which continues to be sponsored by the Village Hall, is going from strength to strength. Steve Todd is giving up running this Club but he is hopeful some parents will take it on.

11. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Hamish said he would approach the Community Fund for a grant towards the cost of a projector, dvd player and audio equipment. The current items are at least fifteen years old and are available for use by many groups and hirers including for meetings, events and the film club.

12. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Nancy and Martin continue to maintain the areas surrounding the Hall and car park and this is going well.

13. FUTURE PROJECTS

- Replacement bollards around car park / clean the drive over car park lights
- Repair to hand rail / painting metal posts and Sadolin the rail
- Website / Marketing
- Repair Polyflor flooring
- Replacement Projector, DVD Player, Audio system and Speakers
- Replacement benches
- Possible conversion of changing rooms

11. FUTURE EVENTS

- Annual Fete 21 June 2025
- Bonfire & Fireworks 25 October 2025
- Remembrance Sunday Lunch November 2025 – tbc

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

n/a

13. PROPOSED DATES FOR 2025/2026 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2025: 20 May / 29 July / AGM 30 September / 13 November

2026: 17 February / 19 May / 21 July / AGM 29 September / 17 November