

ENFORD RECREATION GROUND. AND VILLAGE HALL TRUST

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY 29 JULY 2025 AT 7.30 pm

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

Apologies: Matt and Becky Broughan – Junior Football Club

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 20 May 2025 were proposed by David Spencer, seconded by Jacqui Elkins and approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- i. Judy had been given the name and contact details for a licensed pest control expert (Peter Bendle) which she gave to Hamish to follow up.
- ii. The roll down shutter at the Exit back door had broken. It is taking time to get quotations from Automated Doorways and RSL but the repair could be in the region of £1,500. The shutters are now 15 years old and are serviced annually.
- iii. The situation with Octopus Energy and the faulty meter was ongoing. A replacement SMART2 meter had not yet been installed as Octopus is still refusing to continue to provide the contracted three time registers even though a new meter could easily be programmed to do so. As most bookings are at weekends and during the evening, the lower tariffs for these times are important. Judy has contacted Citizens Advice for help and advice.
- iv. There had been some concerns expressed about the temperatures in the Hall. The thermostats are programmed to maintain an even temperature of 18C 24/7. This temperature is boosted at least two hours before any booking to raise it to 19C/20C or above. On occasion Judy has tried to raise the temperature to 21C or above without much success. As the building is heated with underfloor heating the system may not be able to raise the air temperature much higher, although the actual floor area is generally one degree higher than the air temperature. Judy will arrange for the annual service and checks to be carried out as soon as possible to hopefully improve the situation next winter especially for art classes and other events when sitting for any length of time can make the hall seem and feel more chilly.
- v. In answer to the question, stall holders at the fete seem to have resolved any issues over public liability cover. Judy confirmed that Allied Westminster was able to provide PLI cover for stalls run by small organisations which regularly book the hall, such as the Newsletter and Gardening Club.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

- i. Hannah presented accounts for the Financial Year 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025. The overall position showed a deficit of £1,185.20. It was agreed that this was to be expected in view of the high level of maintenance and repairs required over the past year, together with the work carried out to install Broadband, upgrade all lighting to LEDs, and to install remote control thermostats. Judy will approach Kim Riche to ask if he would be prepared to audit the accounts again this year.
- ii. The cost of electricity appears to have gone down, perhaps as a result of the energy saving measures implemented, but it was too early to say whether this was in fact the case.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Judy welcomed Emma Stringer to the Committee as the new representative for the Gardening Club and thanked her for coming.

- i. Magic Carpets in Salisbury had provided the most competitive quotation to restick the Polyflor vinyl flooring back on to the walls with new, replacement black capping strips. They had quoted £685 plus vat whereas the other two firms had quoted £1,500 plus vat and £1,713 plus vat for the same work. Magic Carpets also quoted £150 plus vat to replace the worn entrance matting (the other two firms each quoted £500 plus vat) The work was due to be carried out next month, August.
- ii. Dan Withers had replaced six bollards along the edge of the car park which had rotted and fallen over.
- iii. Anthony had cleaned out all the drive over lights which were increasingly ineffective due to quantities of moss and lichen inside obscuring the bulbs and glass domes.
- iv. A long letter had been received from Katie Briscoe, representing the Community Fund, complaining about the rabbit holes on the recreation ground. They also complained about the ladies' loos, which had become blocked during the day of the Fete, and said that neither the recreation ground nor the sanitation were fit for purpose. They required confirmation and a firm assurance these issues would be resolved before the fireworks/bonfire night. The blockage could only have occurred during the time the Community Fund was responsible for the hall and grounds as no one used the hall after the cleaners had checked and cleaned the loos on the Tuesday. Judy confirmed she had also personally checked the hall and all the loos on Friday morning before handing over the keys to Chris Rose in the afternoon, who had then reported a blockage to Anthony on Sunday morning when handing the keys back. Dyno Rod had to come on the Tuesday to clear the blockage, which they said had been caused by misuse, at a cost of £258. Hamish offered to draft a letter in response to the Community Fund which he would send to all members of the committee for discussion and any amendment.
- v. The Great Bustard Project had asked if the PIR lights in the changing rooms could be amended to have On/Off switches rather than the lights being on motion sensors. Nathan Abbott had quoted £200-£300 plus vat for the work which will be carried out over the next month or so.

4. GROUNDS / MAINTENANCE REPORTS

- i. David had no additional matters to report other than those detailed. He said the branches of the trees along the back of the hall were now encroaching too close to the building and needed cutting back as they were blocking out the light and leaves were blocking the gutters.
- ii. Hamish said the dry weather had resulted in minimal grass growth and he was looking into ways to reduce problems with rabbits. He would follow up on the licensed pest control expert, contact details of whom had been passed to Judy by Mark Sommerton.

5. JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club is continuing to do well and would hopefully run on some Saturdays during the school holidays.

6. FILM CLUB

The Film Club is going well and is well supported. Clive had managed to stream the last film which was a great success. Streaming films, rather than being tied to dvd release dates, meant there would be more choice in the future. Clive had applied to the Community Fund for a grant to help towards replacing the projector and speakers. All the equipment is, and would be, available to other users in addition to the Film Club. However the application had been turned down.

7. SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The Club was currently playing at the Amesbury ground, but would be returning to the Hall mid September.

8. GARDENING CLUB

Emma reported that the Club would be cutting down on the number of meetings over the winter months and would not hold them between November and March. Speakers were quite expensive but they hoped to be able to continue. They would also welcome more members.

9. EVENTS

- Bonfire & Fireworks 25 October 2025
- Remembrance Sunday Lunch November 2025 – tbc
- Annual Fete 2026 - tbc

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i. Judy reported that a couple of the table benches were very wobbly and she was worried they were unsafe. Jane offered to ask Sheriff if he could help repair them.
- ii. Hannah mentioned there was £357 unallocated in the accounts from the Drones Talk. It was agreed this should be included under general income. Judy said talks were very popular but it is difficult to find speakers. Any suggestions or contacts for potential speakers would be welcome.

11. PROPOSED DATES FOR 2025/2026 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2025: 29 July / AGM 30 September / 11 or 13 November tbc

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