SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT Minutes of the meeting - July 28th 2025

1. Present at meeting:
Jenny Pine, Carol Squire, Pip Pryor, Gale Singfield, Sue Sharrock, Liz Brunwin,
Apologies for absence: Sarah Milhench, Tina Campan,
David Johnson has offered his resignation from the committee due to personal circumstances

2. Minutes of the last meeting
Minutes had been previously circulated. No amendments were made and were agreed to be correct

3. Feedback from PC Meeting
Before the PC gets a quote for a damp survey of the VH to be carried out, they will ask Laurence Rooke (a member of the PC) to look at the inside damp patches.
Once Laurence has looked at them and given his opinion, the PC will get a damp specialist to look at his recommendations.
After that has been carried out, the committee can look at any decorating and maintenance to be carried out.

4. Financial update
Current VH account position – Jenny reported a healthy balance of around
5,891 pounds. This will change with the upcoming dance income and with upcoming workshops.
Jenny reported at this time 70 tickets have been sold for the dance and this number is hoped to increase to 80 by the time of the dance on August 9th.
Jenny also reported that Apollo Farm in Shimpling had donated 200 pounds towards the band as well as 200 pounds from the Hallifax Trust towards food. Shimpling Park Farm donated the venue for the evening. As any funds raised will be split between Shimpling and Alpheton, Alpheton Village Hall have offered to run the bar for the evening and will take care of all that is needed for the evening.

5. Hall bookings update – Carol
There are no changes to the existing bookings. The pilates class on Wednesday evening is going well and Louise the teacher is happy with the attendance.

A new one off private booking was noted when the hall was used by Alpheton Parish Council.

Fit Villages update – Carol updated the committee that according to Henry Lane (Active Suffolk) a fitness instructor for men has been found in BSE. Also short mat bowls equipment will be supplied and money will be provided to pay hall hire for six sessions to gauge interest from the village.

6. Future VH Events:
Table Tennis update from Jenny. A mobile youth club backed by Babergh DC has recently started visiting Glemsford, JP has a contact but it was decided to wait and see if the club gets established in Glemsford before making further enquiries.
The silver workshop will take place on 6th September
Quiz night will take place on November 15th. Natalie from The Bush pub would like to provide food for the evening.
A pottery class for children is still in the works and is expected on 20th August

7. Maintenance and improvement of the hall
Parish Council is waiting on Laurence Rooke to inspect the damp patches (see feedback from PC)
Annual VH clean up day has been suggested in October. Still need to set a date

Solar Panel update -Carol
Carol reported that the last bill from EDF was just over one pound! The panels are doing their job! We will still have a standing charge to pay but the ultimate goal is to generate enough electricity to cover the VH needs and the surplus will be sent to the grid to generate money for the VH. EDF is still in the process of getting an export tariff and will be backdated to when the application was first started.

8) Health and Safety update- Carol
Annual fire drill is still in process
Annual PAT test done July 28th 2025 and everything passed.
August 12th 2025 fire extinguisher maintenance will be carried out.

9. Any other business
Electric Charging point at the hall is still in the process but will happen at some point hopefully shortly

Dates of regular meetings:
September 29th
November 24th