

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes – Monday 29th Sept 2025

1. Present at meeting & apologies for absence:

In attendance Sarah Milhench Jenny Pine Liz Brunwin Carol Squire

Apologies -Sue Sharrock Gale Singfield and Pip Pryor. Tina Campan also did not attend

2. Minutes of the last meeting - Agreed

3. Feedback from PC Meeting

- Refurbishment of the ladies' loo - Carol fed back that the go ahead was given for John Sinclair to clear damp staining & redecorate the loo - now completed.
It was noted that a new toilet seat is needed in the ladies loo. Sarah informed the committee she has a spare one and is happy to donate to the hall.
Carol suggested that the windowsills could also benefit from damp management and redecoration & Liz felt the skirting boards should also be painted.
Action: Carol to get a quote from John and ask the PC if this can be done.
- Still waiting to get a date for the EV CHARGER to be installed
- PC are going to look for grants to do the external repairs and redecoration.
Action: VHC needs to get quotes for the work to go for the grant
- PC to investigate allowing the installation of parcel lockers by the village hall - payment would be received for this though it will use some electricity. There was concern about the necessity for this - would it be used and it was suggested that the PC find out from residents if this is something that is needed before installation.
Action: Liz to feedback to the PC

4. Financial update

- Current VH account position – Jenny tabled the current bank balance and expenditure report
- The Barn Dance made a useful profit of £1200 for the hall with £300 donated to the church and the bar profit to Alpheton. Alpheton committee have been asked to thank Dawn Power and her husband & friend who stepped in to run the bar at the last moment.
Alice Pawsey wants to repeat the dance next year but to have the bread man (Biddle's Bread) to cater and provide pizza.
Action: Volunteers might be needed for the bar and licence will need to be applied for by the PCC once the date is agreed.
Jenny to inform the PCC that they need to agree a date in September with Alice and then the band will need to be booked.
Action: Jenny will send the bands details to the PCC
Raffle did well and if this event is to be for the churches PCC to organise the raffle
- Carol reported that the Solar Panels export Tariff is now live so should start to get income to offset expenditure from exporting surplus to the grid.
- Proposed spending for 2025 / 6
Tablecloths - Liz suggesting green gingham and will buy some and be reimbursed.
New Microwave is also needed.
Action: Sarah to take the 2 old ones to the recycling centre and a new one purchased.
Carol suggested that 2 additional long folding tables would be a useful addition. Matching tables would be circa £250. Cheaper ones are available and will be investigated.

Liz has folding tables that could be borrowed for the Quiz night
Other catering equipment was suggested - 5 litre Coffee dispensing flask - agreed
Catering tea pot - agreed
Sarah suggested Nisbets as a good company to purchase the goods from.
Action: Liz to purchase and get reimbursed

5. Hall bookings update – Carol

- Regular / External update - Carol reported that there is no change to regular bookings. The income is £814 so far this year.
Private Bookings - One booking for a children's party in Oct.
Action: Carol to inform CW that the floor is damaged and the fire doors exit cannot be used. They would have the option of cancelling with full refund.
Film Night - David Rowe & Graham Singfield were a great help in Sept when there were problems with the showing of the film and they could be regularly called on to assist if needed.
The coming films are The Penguin Lessons in Oct and Lee in Nov. It is proposed to show Sunshine on Leith in January.
Christmas film night was discussed - and a similar format to 2024 agreed. It's a Wonderful Life was suggested as the film with an interval.
Action: Carol to ask at the Oct and Nov film nights if people are interested and what film would they like
Carol also asked the committee for their ideas for films in the new year - needed by the end of Nov
- **Oct ½ Term (27th - 31st Oct)** Carol suggested that the hall be open / free to book to encourage children / young people to use the hall (assuming the floor has been repaired). Parents would need to be present and supervise.
This was agreed. It will need a committee member to open / lock up after each booking.
Liz volunteered to be available on the 27th of Oct
Action: Committee members to let Carol know what days they can be available.

6. Future VH Events:

- Income generating events for 2024 /2025

Quiz - 15th November - One table of 6 booked and 2 further enquiries. Jenny will book a table

Action: All committee members to encourage people to book & if possible, book tables themselves. Teresa and Gerry will assist Vernon, and we will need 2 people as runners.

Committee agreed not to provide alcohol - participants to be told to bring their own

Jenny reported that the Fish & Chips provider from last quiz is available to do the catering again @£700 for 50 people (£140 deposit)

Action: Jenny to book the van and pay the deposit.

There has been a request for an alternative to fish

Action: Carol & Jenny to enquire if this is possible

Christmas Pantomime - the New Woolsey is live streaming their Beauty and the Beast Saturday 20th - Monday 29th December. As it was popular last year it was agreed to do it again on Saturday the 27th Dec 2pm.

Action: Jenny to make contact and book the session.

Jenny to approach the Hallifax Trust to see if they will donate towards the costs.

Action: Committee members to volunteer to assist on the 27th providing refreshments at the interval

Other Christmas Events: Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Nativity Scene & the Christmas Carols and Beer evening. No details yet but it would be great if the resident Santa could be involved for the children.

Action: Liz to speak with Lottie re Carol Singing - inclusion of children's carols
Sarah to speak to Nathalie and Matt re dates and inclusion of Santa

Christmas Decoration of the village hall - agreed to do on the 29th November - **everyone to assist.** Committee to also do an inventory and sort out of the items stored on the storeroom mezzanine level on the same day.

Arts & Crafts workshops

- Silver Jewellery Workshop - Sept - went well 7 people attended (max of 8)
- Christmas Pottery workshop - Nov - Carol - Booking is open and is via Cally's website £25 for adults and £20 for children. No charge for adults if supervising a child
- Carol suggested that she ask Mandy / Jane if as it was so popular would they be willing to do a bird box building session again in the spring 2026

Action: Everyone to send any more ideas to Carol

7. Maintenance & improvement of the hall

- External redecoration and repair - SVHC needs to get quotes so that the PC can apply for grants
- Annual clean and tidy up - agreed that we would do a spring clean - date to be set in January.

8. Health & Safety

- Annual Fire evacuation drill - date 29th November
- Annual PAT and Fire Detection / Fighting Equipment annual Maintenance - Carol reported that all equipment and the system has been serviced and no problems identified.

9. Any other business

Carol reported that the next Village Newsletter is out early December, so we need to be able to advertise all events Dec - March in it. These are

- Christmas & Spring Film Nights - Carol to action
- Christmas Live Streaming of the Pantomime - Jenny to action
- Any Arts & Crafts sessions - Carol to action

Dates of regular meetings: 4th Monday of every other month at 7-9pm 2025 / 6

24th Nov 2025

26th Jan 2026

23rd Mar 2026

May - AGM - date to be agreed