Minutes of the meeting Tuesday June 23rd 2026
Present:- Bill Egerton, Sue Cottam, Maureen Cribb, Maureen Morris, Claire Freemantle, Sue Davis, Anthea Heathershaw, Shirley Davies, Theresa Diskin-Barr, Sue Wintle.

1. **Apologies** from Val Dawe
2. **Appointment of officers** following June 2026 AGM:- Bill to continue as Chairperson & SueC as Secretary - approved by the committee
3. **Minutes** of Committee meeting May 19th 2026 were accepted
4. **No Matters arising** which are not included on the agenda & **no conflict of interest** declarations
5. **Health & Safety** - no issues this month
6. **Finance** - Bill shared the finances for the period March 31st to June 22nd 2026. £3,494.90 balance. All as expected & no problems. SueC asked Bill for a bank statement copy for a grant application.
7. **Lease extension update** - all going to plan. Bill had compiled a list of points & questions which was shared with the committee. These will be passed to the solicitor friend of Val's who is looking at the updated lease document. Questions raised re. Holding Trustees are included in this list & Bill explained that the terminology has changed in current legal documents so should not be a problem.
8. **Feedback & Draft minutes from 2026 AGM** - the draft minutes were accepted as a true version of events & will be saved on file for approval at 2027 AGM. There were 32 people present. It was felt that refreshments were a good idea. Positive atmosphere & appreciative comments.
9. **Hall environment** - Curtains & blinds update explained by MaureenC. The committee approved using Custom Group to do the work with the selected curtain fabric (Rivington Steel Blue), a middle layer & a backing plus nickel eyelet rings & brushed nickel poles. Unishade white inset blinds were chosen to match the fabric, walls & furniture. Total cost of curtains, blinds, fitting & VAT = £2847.30. MaureenC will confirm order with Custom Group, sort deposit with Bill & arrange for employee, Neil, to return when in the area so as to finalise measurements for the 5 blinds & poles. When Neil in hall, ask him if we need to remove current blinds. Sutton Poyntz Society kindly offered to pay £1000 towards the work. Bill to send a formal thank you to them.
   Porch area - Bill will meet Mike Fuller on Friday 26th to discuss the porch wall, guttering, water butts paving slabs & main doors opening outwards. SueC to send images of water butt to MF & Bill.
   Kitchen windows - Shane Price from Dorset Windows & Fascias visited Friday 19th. Quote £684 including VAT. SueC will use that quote for grant application. Bill to ask JAIC for second quote.
   PAT testing - to be done on electrical appliances. Bill to organise.
   Boiler - some confusion from people about how to use so Bill will make a new sign with instructions.
   Garden - Claire kindly offered to look after the front strip & buy some hardy geraniums. John Legg still looks after the orchard area. Poppy's garden maintenance mow all grass areas. SueD asked if grass could be mowed for WI garden meeting on Wednesday August 5th. MaureenM to ask Poppy to do. SueD was concerned about wasps which were in garden last year & asked if a bait could be used. It was thought the wasps would not return but all to be aware & check regularly.
10. **Future Events** - Summer Picnic - MaureenM, SueW & Theresa offered to do shopping & salads & summer cup aperitif. Bill to cook salmon & organise team for setting up. Friday July 3rd is MH Social morning - SueD, Bill & Anthea offered to make cakes. Other discussions:- Card reader suggested by Theresa; books re. War Memorial at St. Andrew's by Charlie Owen could be sold in the hall; ditto books by Litschi about Sutton Poyntz could be sold next year; salt & pepper cruets needed & SueD may be able to provide some; inventory needed as some crockery broken. Bill to look in loft to see if there's any crockery there; Jeff Little could be asked to do another talk; Bill asked if he could do another talk; Rick, local dog walker gives talks about his travels; future events to be organised at next meeting.
11. A.O.B. Theresa suggested Craigs Ice Cream being sold at a hall event & Wan Thai cookery session.
12. Next meeting - Tuesday July 21st