

Minutes of the Meeting November 4th 2025 10am in The Mission Hall

Present - Bill Egerton, Maureen Morris, Sue Wintle, Sue Cottam, Sue Davis, Val Dawe. Shirley Davies.

1. Apologies from Zoe Withers, Maureen Cribb & Anthea Heathershaw.

2. Minutes of the Committee Meetings of September 22nd & 29th were approved (see 3 below)

3. Matters arising - Following the 22nd & 29th meetings, because some committee members thought the recording of the minutes was inaccurate, regarding the lease payment, plus not all committee members were present at both meetings, Bill personally spoke to all committee members regarding whether MH or PCC should pay or if it should be a % shared. There was a 5 to 4 majority who agreed that the full lease payment should be paid by MH. The PCC have gone ahead with commissioning their Solicitors to do the work.

Conflict of interest - SueC mentioned a relative would be offered payment as a performer at the Jazz evening.

4. Finance - Bill shared the detailed & summary accounts for the period from September 15th to October 31st. He explained some details. A healthy income from hall rental & events. Balance = £4,167.69 after having paid for 75% of the floor repair costs.

MaureenM explained that yoga teacher Debs has 16 participants so needs chairs moved to make space. She requested a chair trolley. Bill shared details of two models he had found. The Trent model was preferred by all at £140 including delivery which was thought to be expensive. Bill will do further research & share findings.

5. Lease extension going ahead (see 3 above)

6. Policies - Fire Safety policy continues to be addressed: - Bill has communicated with electrician Tom Pearce re. wiring in 2 new fire signs & kitchen heaters. Bill made & positioned 2 new signs for parking outside the hall which indicated where cars belonging to hall users could park when necessary, leaving space for pedestrian path safety access & emergency vehicle space on the road's side. Wording, size of signs & their positions were discussed. Bill noted the suggestions & changes requested for the parking signs & will create draft & share with committee. The small village green grass area opposite Quackers will be the designated gathering place in case of a fire so that emergency vehicles have access to the front of the hall.

All other policies are complete & will be reviewed when necessary.

7. Event feedback

Successful Spanish evening received positive comments re. food quality & entertainment. Shirley was concerned that money was refunded to people who did not attend. It was agreed by the Committee that in future money would not be re-fundable in these circumstances as food was ordered for specific numbers.

Bob Whitley Folk evening was an enjoyable event with 29 people. He played for charity - £100 to Trussell Trust. £100 to Shelter. £100 towards MH floor improvement.

Future events

Social morning Friday November 7th - Shirley & SueW & SueC helping. MaureenM raffle (donations welcomed). Cakes: - Bill Dorset apple; SueW coffee; SueD lemon drizzle gluten free; Val Earl Grey Tea loaf.

Jazz evening Friday November 7th - SueC organising

November 30th Sunday 10.30 - Xmas decorations to be put up

December 15th Monday 6.30 - Salvation Army Carol event

Social morning Friday January 2nd - to be planned in December meeting.

Friday early March - Val suggested Brigadier Jeff Little could give a talk e.g Battle of Britain or Portland Spies. Committee preferred latter. A Friday early March. Fish & chip supper suggested. Val to contact him.

8. Floor renovation - Clearing hall weekend of January 3rd & 4th. Bill will organise a small team to move larger objects. WI & Art group need to empty cupboards, probably best done Friday 2nd afternoon

9. A.O.B. Bill mentioned Dorset Community Action (we are paid up members again) do a Hallmark accreditation. He will look further into it but felt we could use their Level 1 Hallmark as a guide to follow.

See dorsethalls.net for more info. MH is listed as a venue with MaureenM's number.

F.Y.I. "DCA supports a hall accreditation program via the nationally recognised ACRE Hallmark quality standard scheme for village and community halls. This scheme is designed to help management committees ensure they are running their halls efficiently and in line with best practices."

10. Next meeting - Tuesday December 9th 10-12