



Beaford Village Hall

Charity No 300757

Beaford Village Hall - Committee Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 2025

Date: - 2 DEC 25

Time: - 1910

Present: - - Martin Church, Jo Church, Phil Pollard, Simon Berry, Dave Price, Rob Pearce, Michelle Davies

Apologies: - Joy Collins, Ellie Pearce

Trustee: - No one present

Public: - No one present

Approval of Minutes: - Approved and signed – November (October was AGM)

Chair's Update: -

Advert for Christmas Market sent to The Crier

Website received 624 views in October

Redundant cabling removed from roof space and cupboard in main hall

Emergency lights not working – 4 have been replaced but need to add to monthly check list

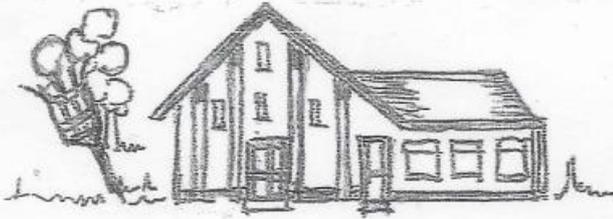
Electricity is fixed until Aug '28 – rates are reasonable – usage is high. Rob mentioned about outside lights left on – switch by the front door needs a notice to remind users to turn off when leaving.

Rob, Ellie, Dave, Jo & I to attend Village Hall seminar at Merton on 4th December – local Torridge Halls invited.

Funding:-

1. Application for grant of £8,000 sent to Common Ground Award (to go towards cost of replacement heating system) Decision to be made Jan '26.

We did not win the Village Hall Podcast draw (£2,500 - £1,000). I will continue to follow their podcast and enter all subsequent draws.



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Treasurer's Update: -

Rob handed out accts sheet – slight increase overall. Included as an attachment.
Rob thought the mornings seem to be doing better inc the raffle. Raffle ticket prices/number of tickets issued raised – going to look at different tickets and pricing.

Parish Council Update: -

Simon - was not the right time to bring up the cost of printing the Bugle at the last meeting but will at the next.

Village Hall has been allocated a pack of 250 hedging/trees for the field from Sainsburys. Simon will make contact with Sam to discuss planting – needs doing over the next 6 weeks or so – delivery is mid Dec. Discussion around fencing undertaken but no decision to what will be used. Simon thought the cost would be in the region of £500. Rob mentioned using tape and stakes so people are aware not to enter. No firm decision made at this time. To be looked at post planting in the new year. Initial thoughts are that the two bottom corners will be planted and left for about 2 years to settle in.

Bookings Update: -

Non given at this meeting.

Health & Safety Checks: -

Phil – all the checks have been carried out and nothing to report for them. One light out on the main hall - Fluorescent tube. To be changed during decorating.

Jo – first aid kits are reaching their expiry date and will look to replenish/change as needed

Rob – waterboard plug had been withdrawn so no signal was being sent. Martin will look to see if we can fit a fused spur or similar via his contact with an Electrician.

Martin – Monthly check list to included emergency lighting check.

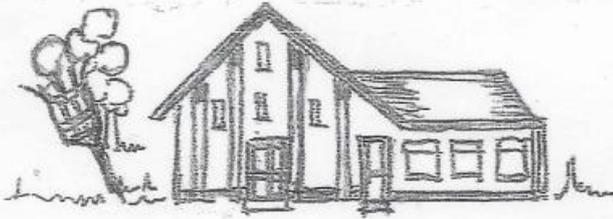
Michelle – reported that the defib at her house is now up and running – Jo will advise John & Michelle how to register the third defibrillator on "The Circuit".

Matters Arising: -

Events for 2026 – Please note that the 'regular' events have been added to the calendar last month – social nights, markets etc.

28 Feb Church Jumble – for info only to avoid clashes.

14 Mar – Quiz night – hosted by Anita Heard once again



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18th April Big breakfast suggested as an event – perhaps prebooked.

25 May – Silver Band and BBQ Hog Roast

18 July Summer show Dog Show – Martin to see Dennis and Sue Buswell. Rob to check with High Bick re clash. Ivan has mentioned about a Kite show – Dave to chase

5 Sept – Farm walk – 1700

The list is a work in progress.

Recording of minutes – Rob felt that ‘more meat on the bones’ is needed. Post discussion Simon pointed out that BVH is a voluntary organisation, and he would not expect to have a verbatim record kept. HOWEVER – important decisions (for example) car park usage, building work, changes of use, large capital outlays etc would need to have a clear record kept showing the decision process.

Martin reminded the meeting that minutes are not only kept but published on the BVH website. The minutes are circulated to all members post meeting and at the next meeting the minutes are agreed and signed off.

Constitution/Safeguarding Policies

Progress being made regarding committee signing the declaration.

AOB: -

Skittles – there has been an expression of interest from within the village to start up a second skittle team/group. Rob mentioned that there might be some confusion as to who owned the current equipment that he thinks was built by Roger Horner some time ago with possibly money from parish committee – Rob will investigate the issue and come back with hopefully more information next meeting. In principle BVH has no problem with a second team playing.

Website

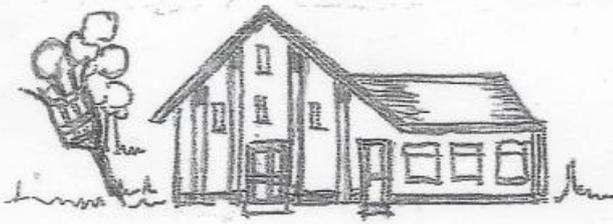
Martin has investigated various costs of having the website hosted. It was agreed that we would go for the two-year option. He also asked to have the money debited from the BVH card so the website fees carries on when people leave etc. The committee agreed to this happening

Christmas Market

Food will be of a festive nature – Martin and Jo to sort. Rob agreed to sort Bacon sausages etc.

Christmas raffle is doing well - £100 profit so far.

Pickle ball



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Nick Hinge from the team has asked if the hall can get some more markings on the court to denote areas of play. Dave to sort – cost about £15

Date of Next Meeting: - 6th Jan @ 1910

Close: - 2100