

PRIVETT VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2025 at 5pm in the Hall

Present: Graham Flack, Ian Hughes, Ann Daniels, Edward Sadler, Gill Martin, Gill Chung, Melanie Wright, Rob Hollis, Rob Baldock and Alexandra Raphael

No Apologies:

A minutes silence was held for Bridget

She will be sorely missed by the whole community. Our committee relied on her enthusiasm and nonstop dedication to our village. She just naturally got on with the job before we knew it needed to be done. We are all less with her untimely passing.

We will plant a tree in her honour

Graham started the meeting as the minutes from 11th October had been circulated and approved.

Graham and Ian have both decided to resign as Chairman and treasurer this coming AGM. The committee are greatly concerned about losing so many important positions together. Alex who was to resign as Secretary this AGM said she would stay on for another year. We all remarked how difficult it is to get other people in the village to join the committee including younger people. We desperately need new members.

Action Everyone: try to recruit friends to join the committee to maintain our many group activities.

Edward reported: Film night was successful although few people attended the movie we still made £95. The attendees were asked if they wanted to continue with film evenings and they all voted yes. The list has arrived for the next available films and although we all thought "Conclave" would be an excellent choice, as it will possibly be an Oscar nominee, it might not be available in March. The film "The Critic" was the choice and Edward would find out if it was available late February early March. Alex suggested bangers and mash might be a good meal before the showing and all agreed.

Action Edward: to book the film and firm the date for showing.

Action Gill M and Gill C: to organise the food for the film night

Action Ann: to purchase glasses for the bar as they are running low.

It was reported that the Privett Center was organising a Burns Supper on the 25th January and a Valentines dinner on February 14th.

Ann reported: the band was not available in February so the suggested "Bash" for the 15th February won't be possible. She would get some dates for the summer and organise it then.

Action Ann: to get some dates for the summer "Bash"

Gill Martin Reported: the Wreath making organised by Teresa was a great success. Lunch was included along with the mulled wine.

Ian reported: the village Hall committee received £175 from the afternoon

Ian reported: He attended an event held by Medical Detection Dog charity in early December. He would find out possibilities for a demonstration/film/talk as the basis for a fund raising event. The committee thought that if he could get a Saturday afternoon we could get younger families interested and the children could come too. We could serve wine, soft drinks and cheese. We would not charge for this event and the attendees would be able to donate to the charity.

Action Ian: to get a date for Medical Detection Dog charity to give a talk/demonstration at the Village Hall in March.

AOB

Teresa reported by email: There is a problem still with Veronica stacking chairs in such a way that we couldn't get access to our tables and other items. The stacking was dangerous and she obviously was using our area for storage for her purposes. Graham suggested we just lock the doors. We don't want to lose our children's nursery and it was suggested that Alex, Gill Chung and Ian have another meeting with Veronica and her husband to discuss the problem. It can be approached as a health and safety issue.

Action Gill C: email Veronica and ask her for a few dates she would be available to have a meeting to discuss these issues.

Ian confirmed: that the electricity bills have increased and as a result the rent for Veronica would also need to be increased to cover these extra costs.

Ian presented: the draft accounts that were approved, subject to minor amendment, for submission to Christine Stephens for independent examination. The accounts will be presented at the next Committee Meeting in the statutory format for approval at the AGM.

Ian Reported: our insurance had been renewed from 31st December 2024'. Rob Hollis would be the second person listed on the insurance to replace Bridget.

Melanie reported: the Parish Magazine is on the website, but the website itself was old and needed updating. Some people use Facebook to access our events. Mark Wright (along with one of his work colleagues) has offered to give some help with training Melanie on setting up, and populating, a new pvh website. The exact cost of this is still unknown at the moment but would probably be about £250.

Action Melanie: to see if we could update the website easily and to see about a host for the site.

Rob Baldock reported that Froxfield and others used a card machine for sales at events. This might be something to look into as some people prefer to use cards and not cash.

Action Rob B: to investigate a card machine for the Village Hall.

AGM - The next AGM would take place in the Village Hall on April 5th at 7:00pm followed by Curry.

Action Gill M and Gill C: to organise cooks for the curry and rice for the AGM

Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned for Friday 21st March at 5pm in the Hall.

Date	Event	Notes
February 28th	"The Critic"	Bangers and Mash
March - Saturday afternoon	Medical Detection Dog	Drinks and cheese
April 5th	AGM	Curry night

