



**Minutes of Village Hall Management Committee Meeting  
Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Mike Baker (MB) (Chair), Jack Calder(JC), Mark Kibble (MK),  
Linda Palmer (LP), Lecky Thompson (LT),  
(In minutes Paul Carter (PC), Bill Norman (BN), Colin Silvester (CS))

Item		Action
1. Apologies	Phil Davies(PD), Bill Jackson (BJ), Roger Wood (RW)	
2. Minutes of last meeting	The minutes were approved and passed for publication on the GVH website.	
3. Matters arising	<p>PD had established that manual blinds would cost £400. They would need to be operated by a pole, which might cause difficulties. A decision would be taken at the next meeting when PD is present to explain the details.</p> <p>The yellow hatched lines next to the defibrillator had not yet been repainted.</p> <p>It had been found that if the heating was unlocked manually it switched off the remote-control App. PC was now re-setting the profiles.</p> <p>MB had advertised the AGM in GGN. There had been no response to the request for new Committee members, but MB and MK had identified candidates who might be interested.</p> <p>MB would pursue enquiries into the heating system used by the Great Hall in Cholsey.</p> <p>The urinal in the gents' toilet had been fixed, and the heating in the Main Hall had also been serviced.</p> <p>The porch stones had all been repointed and sealed. There was still a small leak but PC would deal with it.</p> <p>PC had dug out the soakaway behind the Hall and unblocked it.</p> <p>The PAT testing remained to be done.</p> <p>Other matters arising are dealt with under the headings below.</p>	<p>MB LP/PC</p> <p>MB/MK</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB/RW</p>

<p>4. Chairman's report</p>	<p>The projector had failed during an Arts Group Session. It was not possible to fix it quickly, if at all. The Film Society needed a projector for its first film show at the Hall on Saturday, so MB had asked MK to research and buy a replacement. MB had purchased a new 5k lumen LED projector and cables at a cost of around £1200. It was impossible to find a projector that would work at the same distance from the screen, so the new projector needed to be positioned further back. MK and MB had set it up, but CS would have to be asked to do further work to remount and cable it. MK thought it would be worth checking it met the needs of the main projector users. MK offered to take the old projector away and see if anything could be done with it.</p> <p>Goring Unplugged had been given assistance with lighting, and MK had also offered assistance to the Jazz Society.</p> <p>Instructions on use of the PA system would be offered U3A and the Arts Group, who were the main users.</p> <p>Preparations for next week's AGM were in hand. MB would set up a projector in the Bellême Room to use for his and LT's reports. There might be some public interest in the proposed new heating system, and MK was asked to provide some slides. LP would arrange drinks.</p> <p>As announced in GGN, the Boat House and Sorting Office near the bridge are up for sale. Ron Bridle had asked if we would have any concerns if an effort was made to redevelop it as some sort of community facility. MB had responded that we would not.</p> <p>PC had raised the issue of whether higher fees should be charged where he had to do a lot of work setting up chairs and tables for an event. MB acknowledged that this could take a lot of time, but didn't want to make the booking system complicated. The question was whether there was a clear and simple way of specifying which bookings should be subject to any additional charge. LP would discuss with PC and report back.</p>	<p>MB/CS</p> <p>MK</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MK LP</p> <p>LP/PC</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's report</p>	<p>LT had circulated the most recent accounts. Bookings were high in January and tailed off somewhat in the following month, but this was part of the normal annual pattern. There had been some exceptional expenditure in the past month, for example on the projector, but nothing the budget could not be expected to cover. The Hall was still in a good financial position, with around £86k in the bank. The deposit account continued to pay interest. Notice would</p>	

	<p>have to be given for any substantial withdrawal for the heating project, but there was enough in the current account to meet other expected expenditure.</p> <p>LT noted that insurance premiums generally were increasing substantially, so he was a little surprised the Hall's premium appeared not to have increased likewise. MB said that BJ kept the Hall's cover under review and had probably managed to negotiate good terms.</p> <p>LT confirmed that the 2024 accounts were ready for the AGM and he had prepared slides for his report.</p>	
6. Environmental project report	<p>MK reported that our consultants, CBG, had promised to complete the technical specification by the end of the month. They recommended use of a particular type of contract known as a JCT contract, which they would draw up, with some details to be added by us. The contract would then be put out to tender. Three potential installers had been identified, including Hans Ericcson, who had already visited the Hall.</p> <p>The current plan was for the work to be completed in three stages: first the Bellême Room heating, second the Main Hall heating, and third the extraction system. This was to provide reassurance that the system worked satisfactorily before proceeding further. MK observed that this would cause some delay if it was intended to wait and see how it performed in cold weather, and that staged implementation might involve a significantly higher cost. He proposed to ask contractors to provide estimates for both single and staged implementation to quantify what the additional cost would be.</p> <p>MB would give thought to whether and when to publicise progress on the scheme.</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>MK</p> <p>MB</p>
7. Social media	No report	
8. Maintenance, repairs & improvements	LP noted that some of the Hall tables were marked with paint and others might not be in a good state. She would investigate whether any needed replacement and report back	LP
9. Any other business	Goring In Bloom were holding a sale at the beginning of May and asked LP if they could use the tables and make tea in the kitchen for helpers. This was agreed.	LP
10. Dates of future meetings	26-Mar-25 (AGM), 21-May-25, 16-Jul-25, 17-Sep-25, 19-Nov-25	All