

## **Minutes of Village Hall Meeting**

*Lingwood Village Hall*

Wednesday 25th March 2026 19:45pm

### **Present:**

- Trustees: Phil Henry (Chair), Peter Daines, Carl Johnson, Jacqui Kirby, Peter Garczynski, Vicky Garczynski
- Social Club Committee: Mandy Whitehouse, Lianne Hunter, Brigette Parnell,
- Hall Manager: Cherry Whitehouse
- Public: Dave Warrington
- Parish Council:

**Apologies** - Lynn Davis and Paul Archer. Steve D'Souza, Carly Oakes, Andy Dunsmore, Mike Ingram

Phil Henry opened the meeting

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Last minutes from meeting:** Approved.

**Approval of last minutes/matters arising:** Yes.

### **Matters Arising**

**Tree border;** Jess raised progress on the borderline and asked for full clarity into who maintains the trees, Cherry has gone back to Matt the tree surgeon to see what work is left to complete. All trees that needed urgent work have been done and paid for. The school put half towards all work completed in between the hall and the school.

**CCTV/Wifi** Fibre optic has now been installed should put an end to any terminal issues. CCTV and Wifi takeover has been successful with more robust cover.

**Minutes & Agendas on Website;** This is now done following meetings, with also a paper copy in Hug a Mug .

**Hall Redecoration:** Quote received and agreed to start with painting all areas of the hall one step at a time, this will begin in May with toilets being the first area. New work tops have been ordered for Hug a mug - CW to approach Parish Council to see if they can provide any financial assistance for refit of Hug a Mug kitchen. Also CW and RW to see if the hall could benefit from any grants to assist with modernisations.

**Names on bank accounts:** CW to test change after next payroll period

**Papers in Hug a Mug-** Discussed to cut down to one local paper to minimise costs as both local papers often had the same stories.

**Re-election of hall treasurer:** Jess has decided to step into the role of hall treasurer.

**Hall Manager Update:**

It has been a quiet month with irregular hire being down.

We have been trying to manage stock levels and staffing levels to reflect this.

Summer fete meeting on the 19th April, all volunteers from last year have been contacted to see if they would be able to attend again this year.

Lots of children's events coming up for Easter and May using monies from the grant to enhance these offerings where possible.

Working closely with Aston Shaw answering questions which have arisen during the financial audit.

First hug a mug extended opening hours with Chrissy singing is set to busy, look for more volunteers to support in Hug a Mug.

**HALL & WHISKINS FINANCE UPDATE:**

Finances are low, hire is down compared to last year. The only area showing an increase is Hug a Mug.

Irregular hire down - £400 on 2025

Regular hire down - £1000 on 2025

Hug a mug up £2500

Social club down £6000 - price increase needs to be put in place for the social club as increases from main supplier have gone up 5% across the board.

**Money from bookings account;**

£8108.36 was held in the bookings account - after RW matched grant money/current holding deposits/ regular holding deposit it only accounted for £4305 , the suggestion was made to transfer £3000 over to the main hall account - all agreed.

**Gift Aid:**CW has spoken to Aston Shaw to see what we could claim back on gift aid and if in the long run this would be beneficial for the hall - waiting for response.

**Children at the hall:** Trailing certain events family friendly and then aimed at adults after 8.30pm. Hall continues to organise varied events for children through the year.

Signage displayed in and around the hall asking for children to be supervised at all times, LH has agreed to keep a watchful eye when on site.