

# **Badingham Village Hall Minutes**

Charity No 304703

Meeting on Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.15pm  
(Postponed from Monday June 9th 2025)

1. Those present and apologies for absence.

Present: Rob Picton, Charles Bainbridge, Helen Picton, Martin Clark  
Apologies: Celia Cracknell

2. Notes from last meeting (April 28th 2025) were confirmed as accurate.
3. Matters arising. All issues are covered in the agenda and will be picked up.
4. Progress of Development Plan (v2).

The plan was updated to v3 with the addition of the following:

It was noted that two longer term priorities could be addressed by recent grant funding announced by East Suffolk Council. These would be joining the alcove in main hall with meeting room to provide more effective use of space and considering acoustic panels. Rob to look into grant application process and costs for developing the joint rooms and Charles to investigate costs for acoustic panels. Applications need to be in by first week of September.

Addition of a new chair mover in 1 year priorities – this has been mentioned by several hall users and should be in the region of £125.

Add wood stain outdoor furniture to 1 year priorities.

The possibility of funding a bench for the front of the hall has been raised with BCC and is being taken to the next Parish Council meeting.

5. Events and fundraising.

Water colour workshop has been advertised for Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 13.00 to 16.00 if there are enough takers. Celia is monitoring this.

We considered a “garden party” event with live soft rock / pop music – possibly afternoon / early evening on September 21<sup>st</sup> DATE?? with Keith and Mary Jane Tyrell. Rob to think about how this could be promoted.

Wildlife / conservation talk – not identified a suitable speaker at present. All to look into other possibilities.

Martin to look into the options for a story telling and music event.

#### 6. Volunteer Sessions.

Volunteer session for weeding and tidying up garden area is planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> July with 8 people signed up. There is also a regular watering group in place to ensure plants are kept moist.

May need another volunteer session to finish gravel grids and area down to entrance.

#### 7. Communication, web, social media, Echo dates

Website at [www.badingham.org](http://www.badingham.org) has been developed- Rob working with the Parish Council and it is looking much more up to date. There is now a QR code which is being shared through adverts around the village. A Google calendar is in place and links to other village websites. There has been good feedback from the Parish Council. Next Echo deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 8. Any other business.

The possibility for providing space for crafters or a man shed was discussed. We had looked at a man shed before and there was little interest at the time. It was thought that a “knitters and stitchers” or “weavers” group might be successful. Helen and Charles to explore links and report back.

#### 9. Date of next meeting. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 7.15pm

Agenda to include “Garden Party” plus other autumn events and grant application process.