

Badingham Village Hall Agenda

Charity No 304703

Meeting on Monday November 3rd 2025 at 7.15pm

1. Those present and apologies for absence.

Rob Picton, Charles Bainbridge, Helen Picton, Martin Clark

2. Notes from last meeting (September 16th 2025).

Accepted as a true record

3. Matters arising.

All matters arising are covered in this agenda.

4. Updates – bench and acoustic panels

Bench for front of hall has been ordered and is on the way. It comes with a fixing kit and will need to be secured – Charles to consider how to do this.

Rob reported that the grant application for acoustic panels was not successful, but we will continue to research ways of improving acoustics.

5. Funding Streams

Helen and Rob will explore other sources of funding for developing the village hall.

6. Review events which have taken place recently

Water Colour workshop was fully booked, raised some income towards the village hall and was very successful. Those who came along enjoyed it and it was well worth doing – thanks to Celia for organising it. It will be worth having a follow up course (March / April?) and possibly another course for beginners? Celia has passed all the details to Rob.

The pub night was also successful with about 40 people coming along. It more than covered costs and left some stock for the next one. It was noted that we need more large wine glasses. The polypin broke even and next time we will look at Victoria Bitter and publicise soft / diet drinks better. Low alcohol drinks also sold well and more white wine than red. The card reader

worked well. Spent approx. £350 on stock, £62 on equipment and the income was around £424

7. Events planned for future

Next pub night 21st Nov – a good level of stock from the first evening but needs to be checked and topped up. Agreed £2 door charge to cover VH costs.

Winter Market 28th Nov – available to help during the day and a shift on mulled wine in the evening. Helen is the link person to café and will help with catering, tea/coffee. On the Thursday evening (27th) there will be a session to decorate the hall with café and any VH members available. Friday morning: Charles knows how to put the marquee up and we will ask Michael Skinner if he is available to help. Martin will sort out lights and try to source a tree for the front of the hall. Afternoon (2.30pm onwards) all available to help stall holders unload and park. All available to help clear up at the end and maybe the next morning (marquee?)

Pub night with community carols 19th Dec – café have asked that this be at the village hall and mulled wine will be provided as part of the bar. Carols 6.00 to 7.00pm then pub night tbc? Martin to approach Martin Gregory to see if he will play accompaniment on piano. Rob to approach Capstan Full Strength to see if they might sing later in the evening.

Wine tasting 30th Jan – Martin to get contact info and details from Celia.

Ceilidh or storytelling evening in February – Martin to pursue to see when Tim Laycock might be available then suggest dates.

Discussed possibility of Blyth River Blues Band in March – Charles to pursue. Also worth looking at Woodbridge based duo “The Garfunkells”.

8. BCC and PC links: Pickleball, AGM

ROB has been approached by BCC about the possibility of equipping the hall for pickleball – he will get more information for our next meeting.

The Parish Council will hold the VH AGM on Tuesday 4th Nov. We have prepared a one-page report plus a copy of the audited accounts for 2004-5. All village hall management committee members will attend.

9. Review of action plan to include next priorities

Will look at this next meeting to include communication and new village website + calendar of events.

10. Any other business.

Maria has suggested a new rubber backed mat for the main door – agreed to purchase this.

Charles reported that he was still chasing up payment from the Diocese for use of the hall. He will follow up with their finance officer.

Rob has produced village calendars which can be sold at £10 (unit cost £6) to raise funds for the church / café / village hall.

11. Date of next meeting.

Monday December 8th at 7.15pm