

Badingham Village Hall Management Committee Minutes

Charity No 304703

Meeting on Tuesday Sept 16th 2025 at 7.15pm

1. Apologies for absence.

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

Apologies: None

2. Confirm minutes of last meeting (21st July 2025)

Minutes agreed as accurate

3. Matters arising

Bench for front of village hall has now been ordered and will be delivered with fixings for slab patio setting. Rob to liaise with PC over fitting once it is delivered.

Martin has contacted Rob Welham and he confirmed that the hedge by the car park is on the PC list of work to be completed by Kindlewood.

Rob has been in touch with Kevin Foster to check new guttering and down pipes are being ordered. This is in hand, and we will monitor progress.

4. Events – including pub nights

a) The music night provisionally planned for September has been postponed due to clashing with Harvest Festival functions that weekend. Rob to reconsider a date – possibly on a pub night?

b) The Water Colour Class (Mon 29th Sept) is full and there is a waiting list. Celia is distributing instructions and a preparation picture to members and will see if a follow up class might be viable so this could become a regular feature. We need to set up a mailing list and Celia will provide names and contact details.

c) We would like to pursue a story telling evening but up to now this is looking too expensive. Martin to look at other options and report back.

d) Wine tasting evening is booked for 30th January at £25 per person. Celia will oversee the event, and we will need to organise nibbles, cheese & biscuits. Martin to contact Caroline Emery to check for clashes with Laxfield.

e) Winter Market planning with the Community Café is progressing well. Rob has printed flyers and posters and will sort out large roadside posters for the boards to go out around the village. We will all be available on the day of the market to help with setting up, mulled wine, tea/coffee etc. Helen and Celia will attend planning meeting on 7th Oct at 7pm. We need a few more stalls – Celia to look out for possibles at Laxfield market. Feed back any other ideas / suggestions to Helen for the planning meeting.

f) We noted that the pub would be closing at the end of September and agreed that a few “pub nights” at the village hall would be important until it opens again. First one is planned for 24th October with bring your own drinks and pub games. We will try and find out what people want for future evenings and collect contact details to set up a mailing list. Future dates have been provisionally fixed for 21st Nov and 23rd Jan.

g) Martin to check availability of Syzewell Gap for a ceilidh in Feb / March.

5. Grant Application

Rob is drafting an application to East Suffolk Council and we decided to prioritise the installation of acoustic panels and materials.

6. Any other business

a) We all need to promote the new village website and information available.

b) There has been some interest in Padel Tennis / Pickle Ball – Rob to pursue and see if it might work at the village hall.

c) Celia thanked Charles for putting up shelves in the kitchen. It has helped organise equipment much better.

d) After many years involvement in village hall activities Celia has decided to resign from the committee. Rob thanked her for all that she has done.

7. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 4th November at 7.15om