

Lindridge Parish Hall

Minutes of the meeting held on September 16th 2025 at 7:30 PM

Present: Hywel Williams (HW) Margaret Chaffey (MC) Sheridan Chaffey (SC) Mike Harley (MH) Gilly Humphreys (GH) Sheila Benbow (SB) Liz Dove (ED) Polly Gillespie (PG) Julia Cooper (JC) Martin Holloway (MH) Julia Gordon (JG)

Apologies received from Pauline Briggs

1. Chairmanship - as agreed at the May meeting Julia Cooper stepped down as chairman and handed the meeting over to Mike Harley in the absence of the Vice Chairman Pauline Briggs. As no one was prepared to take on the chairmanship it was agreed that MH would chair the meetings until the AGM in May unless someone came forward in the meantime to accept the role of chairman. JC pointed out that the actual chairing of the meetings was a very small part of the role and that it was important for someone to take a lead even though many roles have now been devolved to various members of the committee in the past three months. **JC to create a detailed job spec so that people know what it entails.**

2. Minutes of the past meeting were accepted as a correct copy and signed by Mike Harley acting chairman.

3. Matters Arising

Revised Bed -Needs to be moved as its an eyesore. A maintenance day to be held on Saturday October 18th when it will be repositioned and filled with soil. To be placed over the existing wild flower garden which is also an eyesore. **JC to purchase 2x1 tonne bags of topsoil.**

Hall Sign Repairs -still ongoing **HW to chase.** It needs to be returned before 18/10 so that it can be re erected on the volunteer day.

Volunteer Celebration Lunch July 28th All agreed this was very successful and should be repeated annually.

Costs -Bar prices have been increased to maintain the 50% margin.

Hire charges to remain unchanged. Breakfast prices moderately increased -Full English £6.50 Breakfast Bap £4 Other baps £3.50 **SC to update SumUp and JC to create paper price lists for SC to laminate.**

PAT Testing -Parry Myers were expensive and tested far too many items. **JC to forward the report to MH. MH and NB to review prior to next years testing.**

Stephanie Mocroft talk on Sodington Hall be held on the evening of Wednesday 12th November subject to this being agreeable to SM. £10 per ticket a cheese and wine evening with the first glass of wine included and subsequent drinks available from the bar.

Swing From Paris-this may be cancelled as only 12 tickets have been sold to date (min 20 to go ahead). The road is due to be closed overnight between Stockton and Eardiston 7pm to 6am. SC has promoted it widely on Facebook, Whats App and Next Door.

4. Reports

- a. Finance Please see Appendix 1 This was reviewed and approved. Nothing materially significant.
- b. Maintenance

There is a possible water leak in the entrance to the car park **JC to report this to Severn Trent.**

The AV control panel needs to be repaired. **SC meeting company rep.tomorrow.**

Annual fire equipment inspection carried out today. Highlights the need for two new extinguishers to replace two that are out of date (5Years). JC to action.

Cleaning Cara Gillespie was thanked for her help during the summer but Emma Todd Wood has taken over on a permanent basis and will be doing 2 hours cleaning each Sunday morning. **JC to liaise and reorder cleaning materials.**

- c. Health and safety no issues raised
 - d. Food bank(SB) continuing as usual with the bulk of food donations being made through the school
 - e. Youth club nothing no report received but have only been in action for one week since the beginning of term
 - f. Baby and toddler group - numbers are healthy Glll Hazeldine is running the group in the absence of Sharon Sanders who has had foot surgery recently but will be back within a few weeks. Concerns were again raised regarding the uneven nature of the lawn at the back but now that the weather is less favourable it's unlikely the children will be wanting to use it and it will be improved on the maintenance day mid-October
 - g. **100 club renewals** GH reported that almost 50% of subscriptions are still outstanding which is worrying as it's mid-September **further e-mail reminders to be sent by GH**
 - h. Summer show -all agreed that it had been a major success with a huge improvement in revenue but also an excellent level of entries. Thanks to Evan Gillespie for his excellent autioneering performance. The number attending seemed to be slightly down as it fell on bank holiday Saturday which was unfortunate. PG suggested that we consider buying a barbeque 9this would be a good time of year to do it),
 - i. Breakfast/Market JG reported that things are going well there are stocks in hand from the BBQ, prices have been reviewed. It would be good to get additional stall holders as there's only Marion Wilson as a regular stallholder with plants and produce.
 - j. Films JC reported that Inter Alia will be shown this Saturday followed by the Salt Path and Bridget Jones Mad About the Boy in October. Mrs Warren's Profession would be the next NTL live production available for November.
 - k. Website SCreported the website is up to date and showing details of current posters for films and events
- 5. Autumn maintenance day** set for Saturday October the 18th
- 6. Future events** - Pauline Briggs had submitted an e-mail list in her absence suggesting that we have speaker events with either lunch tea or supper including Charlotte Walter costume designer from Tenbury . Stourbridge Glass , Severn valley railway ,Mill orchard / Oldfield Cider as possibly a combined event, floral demo. cookery demo these will be researched ready for the next meeting.
- JG proposed a Christmas evening with possibly mulled wine and mince pies and the local choir, Christmas craft stalls and a cake store the date of this to be Wednesday 3rd of December
- 7. Any other business**
- a. Pauline Briggs asked that a small working party be available to sort out the books ready for passing on to the Applefest bookstore via Jim and Katie who attend the

next film matinee which would be October the third it was agreed that MC, JG, and JC would do this after the next breakfast on Saturday September 28th

- b. Guttering and fascias SC pointed out the guttering and fascias are in an extremely poor state and that may well be better to concentrate on getting these replaced rather than insulating the roof (no further news has been received regarding funding from Malvern Hills council) SC to get quotes and research funding opportunities ready for next meeting.

The meeting was closed at 9:45 and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th November at 7:30 PM

Signed

Date

Appendix 1