

MEETING OF THE YETTINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

held at

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on

Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm

Those invited to attend:

Sue Barnard	Tracy Payne
Melanie Lester	Steven Pearcey
Emma McBarnet	Julie Smith
Tom McBarnet	John Smith
Laura Oseland	Paula Williams

1. **APOLOGIES:** Laura Oseland, Tom McBarnet
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** These were agreed as correct.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

None

4. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

a. Future plans for the Donkey Hut/ Church Hut

Sue and Paula uncovered some history behind this hut which is now over 100 years old. It was used by the neighbouring schoolteacher for her donkey until the school closed and as a Church Hut during the war. Considering its History within the Village, Committee members felt it might be worth restoring rather than replacing it, however further inspection of the roof and walls will be needed later in the Spring.

b. Craft Fairs

Tracy, Paula and Sue reported a good number of bookings coming in for the planned craft workshops. Most of these craft workshops require setting up, clearing away and provision of refreshments and cakes. To help spread the load they asked whether any Committee members could help out and Julie offered to make some cakes for the next event on 7th March.

Our fundraising team are also looking into the possibility of arranging some craft stalls at Bicton Arena at an event at the end of May, and holding a Christmas craft fair at a bigger venue later in the year. Negotiations are ongoing.

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c. Draft Constitution

Laura is drafting a new Constitution document for the Hall and in her absence sent a draft document for us to discuss as a starting point. The Committee raised a few points where they would like to see adjustments. The points raised will be sent to Laura to aid the process and the Committee would like a further opportunity to read and comment on the new draft at the next meeting.

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d. Establishing Hall as a CIO, next steps

The next steps for this process will involve completing the paperwork and engaging a Solicitor. Emma wanted to ensure members of the Committee were aware of the significant cost of approximately £2,000 to set this up. It was agreed by the Committee that this is a necessary step for Charity status and access to funding. Emma will contact Devon Communities Together for application forms and advice on how to proceed.

Action EMcB

e. Plans for Community Meeting 18th March 2026

The Community meeting has been organised to take place during "Village Halls Week," which is designed to raise awareness of our rural Community buildings and the important role they play in the health and wellbeing of their Communities. The Yettington community are invited to see what has been achieved over the last six months, plans for the future, events planned for the year ahead, some historical information that has been unearthed and also have their opportunity to let the Committee know what they would like to see happen at the Hall. Tea/ coffee and cakes will be provided.

The Committee thought a good way to showcase this might be to have a short presentation (Melanie kindly offered to speak), and a number of tables with photographs and potentially a series of rolling photographs shown on the TV.

Action the Committee

f. Village Hall Cluster Meeting

Yettington Hall will be hosting the next Devon Communities Together Village Hall Cluster Meeting on 14th April. The committee agreed that whilst we have enough chairs for the event we do not presently have trestle tables. Emma agreed to ask East Budleigh Village Hall to see if they might be able to help. We will also need volunteers to provide refreshments on the morning. Emma and Melanie volunteered.

Action EMcB ML

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Emma asked whether the Committee might be interested in the Hall becoming a Community Emergency Hub. It was agreed to get the details about this for the Committee to consider at their next meeting.

Action EMcB

Melanie as the Treasurer reported an email scam she had received asking her to make a payment from our Village Hall account. Luckily this was spotted but highlighted the need to be vigilant.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th April at 7.30pm TBC