

MEETING OF THE YETTINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

held at

YETTINGTON HALL

on

Wednesday 15th October 2025 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:** Tracy Payne, Tom McBarnet
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** These were agreed as correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Transition from old Custodian Trustees to new Custodian Trustees: The Secretary has been advised by Devon Communities Together (DCT) that there is another form of governance that we could explore and might be suitable, that of establishing the Hall as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The benefits are that it gives Charitable status, sets up the Hall as a legal entity, provides limited liability for the Committee (who also become directors) and provides a Constitution. This idea was well received by the Committee and the Secretary was asked to look into this avenue.

Action: EMcB

b. The band have yet to remove their gear from the Church Hut/ Donkey shed. The Secretary will follow this up.

Action: EMcB

c. VAT on Hall maintenance: We might be able to claim some relief in the form of a grant scheme if there is one running. Secretary to investigate.

Action: EMcB

4. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a. Yettington Hall bank balance and decision on Hall strengthening:** The Treasurer gave a run down to the Committee of the Hall accounts and expected outgoings:
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| Community A/C | £3588.75 |
| Instant Savings A/C | £3771.31 |

With this the Committee felt it would be advantageous to press ahead with the Hall beam strengthening at an estimated cost of £3,000.00 . John Smith has been liaising with the Contractor and reports that work will hopefully start the week commencing 3 November 2025, continuing for 1 week. It will not be possible for hirers to use the Hall at this time but as the work is essential hirers will be notified by the Chair.

Action: LO, JS

Reviewing outgoings: The biggest single cost per year is the buildings and contents insurance which last year was just under £500.00 . The Secretary was asked to look into alternative policies used by Village Halls.

Action: EMcB

In an attempt to minimise our monthly outgoings Sue Barnard and Paula Williams volunteered to keep the Hall clean so we no longer require a cleaner. The Secretary was asked to notify the cleaner.

Action: SB, PW, EMcB

b. *Yettington Hall development update:* Ant House has been pursuing this and Dave Ball has agreed to help. Using the outline plans already held a couple of local businesses will be approached for a rough ball park costing. Alternatively Steven Pearcey suggested we consider re-purposing a second hand modular kitchen unit as these can be found in good condition. The Committee were interested as the cost for this would be much lower but need to understand a bit more about what this would entail. Steven Pearcey said he would look into it.

Action: SP

c. *Fundraising ideas:* Various ideas were floated including a History talk and a Beatle Drive but the Committee decided to concentrate on a Christmas fund raising get together for the local community. This will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 20th December at the Village Hall to include mince pies, singing, raffle and other fundraising activities.

Action: The Committee

d. *Autumn working party:* A working party will take place on Saturday 8th November at 10am (weather permitting) to cut hedges, clear nettles and trim trees etc around the Village Hall. We will need help so will need to advertise around the village asking for volunteers.

Action: SP, EMcB

e. *Update of "Team"page on website:* The Chair has been updating the Village Hall website and will add the names of the new Committee to the page.

Action: LO

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a Sue Barnard and Paula Williams have done a wonderful job of cleaning the Hall and Church Hut/ Donkey shed. They found a large number of old plates and mismatched cups and saucers, the Committee decided it was best to just get rid of them.

b. The Chair felt that the hirer's forms needed updating. The Secretary will look for updated and more suitable hirer's forms.

Action; EMcB

c. The Village Hall signs have disintegrated and a new one is needed. The Chair will look into this and get some quotes.

Action: LO

d. The legs on the Village Hall noticeboard have become rotten. Steven Pearcey will have a look at them and see how best to repair them.

Action: SP

e. Throughout the year members of the Committee occasionally have to replace consumables for the Hall. The Secretary asked whether this could continue and the Committee agreed that it should but with a maximum spend of £50.00 .

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19th November 7.30pm