

**BURPHAM**  
**VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 02 February 2016**  
**at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Those attending:** Paul Challen (Chairman)  
Marion Tucker (Secretary)  
Val Belton (Treasurer)  
Julie Tester (VH Hire Co-ordinator)  
Ron Chapple  
Ed French  
Heather Birch  
Kevin Foster  
Bob Baynes  
Chris Hales  
Bonnie Hamilton

**Action**

**1. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 01 December 2015 were signed as a true record.

**3. Village Hall**

(a) Ron reported on a few necessary repairs – a broken clock face and a curtain rail. The guttering is also leaking in a few places and Ron and Kevin will look at this.

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(b) Hire charges – it was agreed that bookings for after 1 Jan 2017 should be charged at the following rates: £25 per hour (the same as at present), £900 per day (a rise of £100) with ground hire for a marquee to remain at £300 per day.

(d) Website – it was explained that not much could be done to bring the website to the top of any random search for the Village Hall. Ed will look at creating a Facebook page, which would of course be free.

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**4. Planning**

(a) Lample House - Ed is endeavouring to ascertain whether planning permission was granted in respect of the recently felled trees.

(b) Lowesden – permission for car port proceeding.

**5. Treasurer Report**

(a) Hall hire Income is concerning at only £5,258 to date, compared with nearly £10,000 this time last year.

(b) The Burns Night supper raised an excellent £581 and the Social Committee were thanked for their hard work in organising this. Thanks also

to people who donated items to the Burns Night Supper.

(c) £1,500 has been received from ADC as a contribution towards the costs of the new fencing.

(d) The investments and the interest being earned thereon are satisfactory, although the investments value is currently fluctuating because of uncertainties in the stock market.

(e) Current assets stand at £37,484, an increase over £3,000 as at this time last year.

(f) For the post-carol service gathering in the VH, Bonnie Hamilton donated the sausage rolls and Paul Challen the mulled wine. Both were thanked for their generosity.

**6. Secretary Report**

(a) The Coombe Lane water works upgrading work will be starting shortly.

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(b) There have been problems with blocked drains along The Street in Burpham. WSCC are aware of this and it is hoped that action will be taken in the near future to deal with this problem.

(c) The condition of Splash Bridge is the cause of great concern as it is felt it is now dangerous. Marion has written to the WSCC person responsible for the area's footpaths, but urged everyone present to use the "Love West Sussex" website to report this.

(d) For an AirS (Action in Rural Sussex) survey, Marion has nominated the VH and the pub as "places of safety" for people to congregate at in an emergency

**7. Councillor Dendle Report**

In the absence of Cllr. Dendle, there was no report.

**8. Social**

Saturday 12 February – Shuffleboard Evening at the Village Hall.

Val suggested that it might be helpful in obtaining money from people for tickets if they were encouraged to use bank transfer into the VH account. (She subsequently sent committee members details for this purpose.)

Monday 15 February – next Fête Meeting.

**9. Any Other Business**

(a) There was discussion on possible ways of increasing fête revenue.

**10. Date, Time and Venue for Next Meeting**

Tuesday 12 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Agreed as a true record:

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Date:

for Burpham and Wepham Village Committee and Parish Meeting