

Corfe Village Hall Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday 10th September, 7pm

1. Roll Call & Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- a) Attendees (alphabetical): Emma Bowers, Chris Brown, Olivia Budge, Keith Gosling, Rob Hudson
Apologies: Yvonne Cunnington, Nigel Furniss, Pip Hollins.
- b) Declaration of Interest as logged on 'Register of Interest' in Conflict-of-Interest Policy:
- Chris Brown as Councillor on Corfe Parish Council
 - Keith Gosling as Corfe Community Trust Clerk
 - Rob Hudson as Councillor on Corfe Parish Council
- c) Minutes of last meeting 16th July 2026 were signed by KG + EB (as acting co-chairs).

2. Policies & Governance

- a) Secure Information Store: Google Workplace might offer a low cost / free option for charities.
OVERDUE ACTION: [EB + RH] to explore.
- b) Cttee Members require independent email addresses: **OVERDUE ACTION [NF] to register a village hall separate email address.**

3. Bookings

- a) Chris Brown updated the committee that private hire bookings were good in August, with 14 private hire parties (two most Saturdays). The new weekly Thursday toddler sessions started as well as a trial of a mobile children's adventure role-play on an occasional Saturday or Sunday. The hall also hosted the Summer Flower & Produce Show which was a well attended community event.
- b) Pizza 'rota' cover: 2nd Oct – Nigel; 6th Nov – Keith; 4th Dec is combined with the Winter Market.
- c) Info : Pop-Up pub & pizza night 17th October 6:30pm onwards.
- d) Info : no further updates on a possible Silent Disco . More to follow.
- e) Info : exploring option for Children Movie Nights over Christmas holidays [OB]

4. Finances

- a) Keith Gosling updated the committee that all is in good order, with the hall having a productive few months. With lots of bookings and the finances allowing for a few maintenance items to be completed (see below).

5. Hall Investments

- a) Solar.
- i. **ACTION [EB] to prepare usage summary (Solis Cloud App)**
 - ii. **ACTION [PH] clarify questions on battery quote and submit grant application [PH&RH]**
 - Size of Battery
 - Where would it be located
 - How long does charge last
 - Maintenance Costs
- b) Hall Investment (3 year plan)
- i. **ACTION [EB] let PC know that VH is exploring a permanent patio (partial) cover / shade.**
 - ii. **ACTION [EB] solicit experience / input from village for options.**
 - iii. **Planning (if needed) and appropriate next steps to follow.**

6. Maintenance

- a. **ACTION [PH] new lock box code [KG+CB] notify users for 1st October.**
- b. **ACTION [NF] fit projector cage for protection – by mid October.**
- c. **ACTION [NF] patio door hooks have broken a third time – replace by mid October.**
- d. **ACTION [KG] contact Mount Stevens electrical to certify electrical connection to shed.**
- e. **ACTION [NF] to put up trial air con fan and extend cable in kitchen – by mid October.**
- f. **ACTION [KG] will organise a team to put up the Village Hall noticeboard.**
- g. **ACTION [NF] to refresh hall (wall & skirting touch up) by mid October.**
- h. Info : Paving slabs/path from shed to patio on hold until patio structure clarified.
- i. Info : Two patio benches have been treated by Tony & Leo Dewhirst. CB will obtain a new picnic bench quote to replace the old round bench (which will be repurposed elsewhere).
- j. Info : Signage has been put up in the hall to ask users to ensure tables and chairs are left clean, due to recent issues occurring. Hire Terms & Conditions will be updated to reflect cleaning charges will be applied if not left in an acceptable way.

7. 100 Club Draw

The draw was made at the Summer Flower & Produce Show on 31st August. Congratulations to:

£60 Ann Finchett
£45 John Harrison
£30 Rupert Dugdale
£30 Ruth Pickles

The next draw will be made in October.

8. AOB

- a) Parking – proposal for approx 10 additional parking spaces for village hall and church. Project is being led by NF who is working closely with Johnnie Halliday's land agent. Meeting(s) have taken place and plans are in the process of being drawn up. Pre planning enquiry will be submitted for both options to determine plausibility – one location is behind the church, access via Mill Lane & the second location on a strip on the field running parallel to Queens Acre, with access via a track that would come out opposite Newton Court at the village boundary. **ACTION [NF] to submit prelim planning enquiry.**
- b) Table Tennis equipment / grant. **ACTION [OB] contact Parish Council clerk [CB] to ask PC their views before any quote or Lottery grant application is progressed.**
- c) Generator – the committee discussed the idea of the hall having a generator. Practical issues (connection, maintenance, storage, security) as well as overall benefit were discussed and the committee concluded this was not something that would add value to the village. This will not be pursued further.

9. Next Meeting. Wednesday 4th November 7pm