

North Wootton Village Hall Management Committee

Committee Meeting Thursday 20th November 2025

Apologies: Bridget Nurse, Doreen Smith, Lucy Lemon, Antony Lamb, Pauline Marshall-Grint.

Attendees: Dennis Blackmore (Chairman), Neil Pearce (Secretary), Wendy Border (Treasurer & Bookings), Bob Angell (Maintenance) Will Border, Jason Harper, Kip Baker, Rachel Williamson, Zehra Ebelhack,

Agenda

1) Approval of previous meeting minutes held on 16th October 2025.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record and reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

2) Matters Arising

Nothing raised.

3) Finance

Wendy handed out the latest accounts sheet. She reported that we have reached the milestone of having over £50,000 in our account. Our year's figures will be submitted to the Charity Commission in January.

Our income remains very healthy due to the popularity of the VH with regular hirers and one off events, along with our regular VH markets, food evenings and Bingo evenings.

4) Maintenance

Bob reported that the heater switches keep being turned off by users of the hall. He also reported that the hall had been left unlocked recently. He asked politely

to all keyholders to doublecheck that the door is locked when leaving the premises.

A new First Aid kit has been purchased. The new speaker system has been fitted. We do need however, to purchase a new microphone. Bob has asked whether Rob the decorator can do some touching up of the paintwork as there are several chips and marks evident.

Bob pointed out we are in desperate need of some extra storage space- especially for the chairs. He suggested another outside storage shed which can be securely locked up at the rear of the hall. Bob to look into getting some quotes and report back for the next meeting.

5) Events Report

In Antony's absence Dennis read out a report of plans for the upcoming Christmas Fayre. All the attendees, including food vendors, entertainers, and stallholders were listed. The itinerary for the day-including a visit from the Mayor, the Rev. Peter Farqhar, who will be blessing the Christmas tree, and timings for the reindeers viewing was listed.

Antony asked politely for help setting up the VH on the Friday evening and also thanked all who helped deliver the leaflets. He added that all the additional help he has received is very much appreciated.

Dennis handed out a rota for the day of the Christmas Fayre so committee members could fill in their availability on the day, and also what positions they will be covering.

6) Bookings

Wendy reported that bookings continue to remain very strong, both with regular hirers and one-off events and parties. Our competitive pricing continues to make us a very attractive proposition for potential future events/parties and hirers. Such is the interest in the hall that Wendy stated that she has had to sometimes turn away prospective hirers due to us being oversubscribed.

We already have numerous bookings for 2026 which bodes well for another busy year for the VH.

7) A.O.B

Jason enquired as to whether we can have a wi-fi ranger extension so the numerous stalls outside have access to the music.

Will is organising the outside lighting for stalls on the perimeter of the VH on the day of the Christmas Fayre.

Zehra enquired whether either the Parish Council or the Village Hall would be willing to donate a Christmas tree to the local school? Zehra conceded this was quite short notice, but perhaps we would consider in future years? Dennis kindly stepped in and said his business would sponsor a tree for this year. Zehra and the committee thanked Dennis for his donation.

No other business was discussed.

Date of next Meeting:

Thursday 18th December 2025 at 7pm.

This will be followed by a gathering of committee members and their partners to celebrate the years achievements with drinks and nibbles.

Meeting concluded at 19:50.