

**Minutes of Meeting of Birdham Village Hall Trustees**  
**12th April 2016, 8.00pm**

1. Present

Marion Barker, Richard Bird, Alan Drew, Betty Geary, Marie Geary, Wendy Pitty, Mike Thomas, Brian Wheeler.  
Sandy & Ian Divers

2. Apologies

Jan Rees, Fiona Thomas

3. Minutes of last meeting, previously circulated, agreed as correct

4. Matters arising

Internet connection - BPC is keen to have installed

Mike & Jan attended a meeting recently where they learnt of grants available up to £2000 & of 2 village halls which were granted funds to install internet and one year's rental.

Mike will chase up to see if Birdham can apply.

5. Chair's report (see AGM minutes)

6. Treasurer's report (see AGM minutes)

Fixed rate deposit accounts £15,000 and £5,080.84

Cash Balance £3590.15

7. Secretary's report

Scout lease is now on version 6

There have been further discussion & misunderstanding about extent of extra land. Solicitor's cost will be approx. £1500. Should be finalised by August/September.

8. Birdham Parish Council

-Neighbourhood Plan Referendum is on 5th May.

Residents are asked the question "Do you want CDC to use the Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the area?"

-Open Day: Mike had passed on his thoughts to BPC chair (Laurie), he felt that the trustees were being blamed for the lack of precept. Laurie has replied, apologising, saying this wasn't intended.

- BPC is trying to produce a community resilience plan (emergency plan) and discussions are taking place about using the village hall as a resource in an emergency & maybe an emergency electrical generator.

9. Film Nights

Next showing - 'Brooklyn' on 28 April

There have been problems with using the laptop for showing films (it keeps shutting down and the sound is poor)

It was agreed to purchase a DVD player.

At the moment there is no profit made. There will have to be a discussion about continuing.

AOB

Betty - asked about new kettles, Jan is getting one for the Sandle Room and one for the kitchen.

Marie - complaints about speeding in the car park especially when children are around.

- reflectors would be useful on the gate posts, especially at night
- asked about moving the Social Club to the other end of the hall she was asked to come up with a costed plan.

Wendy - website is not kept up to date

Paul needs to be given info to put on website, Mike will email everyone Paul's email address so they can pass on news items

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Next meeting 12 July 2016