



"A hall for us all"

BUCKLAND OLD SCHOOL TRUST
Minutes of the Trustees Meeting
Thursday 12th June 2025

PRESENT: Richard Peel (Chair), Rev Sally Bottomer, Linda Oatley, Heather McKenna and Jane Lewis.

APOLOGIES: James Lewis

1. Declarations of Interest

Heather McKenna declared an interest in the overhanging Elder with Yew Tree Cottage.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair Richard Peel.

3. Matter Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Hall Managers Report

Bookings

Month	Type of Booking	Value	No of hours
April	Regular	£648.75	43.25
	Regular reduced rate	£192	16
	Ad hoc	£143.12	9.5
	BPC	£300	0
TOTAL		£1283.87	68.75
May	Regular	£660	44
	Regular reduced rate	£120	10
	Ad hoc	£236.25	15.75
	BPC	£300	0
TOTAL		£1316.25	69.75
June	Regular	£682.50	45.5
	Regular reduced rate	£240	20
	Ad hoc	£405	27
	BPC	£300	0
TOTAL		£1627.50	92.5
July	Regular	£686.25	45.75
	Regular reduced rate	£168	14
	Ad hoc	£60	4
	BPC	300	0
TOTAL		1214.25	63.75

- Pilates have a holding fee placed of £15 on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Has been in place since Easter. There have been repeated enquiries for a morning slot from a Messy Play group for toddlers. It was agreed that the Hall Manager would contact Pilates group and allow reservation to continue until the end of July at which point a decision needs to be made about whether the slots wish to be held for the whole morning or stopped. **ACTION: JL**
- Pregnancy Yoga starts end July on Saturday morning for 2.5 hours
- Literature group starting on Friday mornings in the autumn
- Have let Thursdays go to regular booking but they have to allow us to have one Thursday a month for ad hoc (James)
- Lots of last minute bookings for June for parties etc.
- Buck Pub in July

Maintenance

- New gardeners doing a good job
- Outside of building has been painted - looks so much better!
- Alarm emergency lights to be surveyed
- **Admin**
- Facebook page now in regular use. 87 followers now
- Website well used April 386 views, May 413 views
- Had a spate of bookings for hall in Oxfordshire on our account. Issue with Google as only says Village hall England, trying to fix. Have amended website and bookings form so clearly says we are Buckland Aylesbury
- 19 responses to survey - This hasn't changed so think it is now done

Other Points:

- A point of contact is needed for Managing company for the house now that Carole Paternoster has stepped down. Heather McKenna agreed to take on this role. **ACTION: JL to contact letting agent.**
- **ACTION: HM to supply photo and bio for website.**
- James Lewis is not going to attend meetings anymore due to work commitments. Trustees thanked James for all his work on the website and booking system.
- Residents of Yew Tree Cottage have requested over hanging Elder be cut back. Garden contractor has quoted £120. Trustees agreed to have work carried out.

5. Parish Council Rent

Richard Peel met with the Chair of Buckland Parish Council to discuss the office rental. BPC were reluctant to see the office rented out to other individuals due to the nature of information and equipment stored in the office.

6. Survey Ideas

This is to be carried over to the meeting after September event.

7. Grants

Unfortunately BOST were not successful in application to the Angels trust. Wendover Community Board due to send payment for marquee and signage in the coming days.

Trustees will discuss grant application ideas at next meeting.

8. Car Park Signage

Positive comments have been received regarding the new signage, however New Road Residents Association are unhappy with the new

signage at the entrance to the car park. They had taken their concerns to Buckland Parish Council. Richard Pell has responded, with full support of all trustees. A meeting will be arranged with the Chairs of BPC, BOST and the New Road Residents Association in attendance

Planning application still on going for sign at front of hall.

10. Buckland Blast

Richard outlined plans for the day which will include children's entertainer, Senior Citizens lunch, Dog Show, Open Mic even and band. Food trucks still to be organised. Donations have been received from Cesare Estate Agents, ARLA, Café in the Park in Aston Clinton and Dayla. Estimated cost of the day will be £1500 and BOST will aim to cover all costs by sponsorship. Meeting to be arranged in August for final arrangements.

11. Date of Next Meetings: