

REDMARLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2026

**Redmarley Village Hall Committee Meeting minutes**  
**9 January 2026 7pm**

Attendees: Anne Jones (Chair), Jo Clarke, Peter Condon, Sophy Darlow, Rachel Hallett, Stewart Jones

**PRELIMINARIES**

Apologies: Terry Thomas

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting on 27 November 2025.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Item	Action & outcome
Treasurer's report	RH now back-up online signatory
Lily Sharpe committee membership	Lily could only attend in school holidays. Potential issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safeguarding – could be addressed by parent / guardian attending with her</li><li>• Decision-making powers for under 18</li></ul> Committee would be very happy for Lily to attend as an observer when able; her input from the perspective of younger villagers would be valued. AJ to communicate this to Lily and her mother.
AGM	Audited accounts and Chair's report have been sent to Parish Council

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – email report from PC

Income from bookings continues to be less than running costs. Bookings remain at similar levels to previous years, but regular booking from school has reduced income by £2-£3k p.a.

SJ and RH agreed to become additional signatories for the deposit account held with the government scheme for charity deposits. AJ and PC are already signatories.

The Committee noted a thank you from Jill the cleaner for her Christmas bonus.

**BOOKINGS** – email report from PC

Several children's parties booked in. No news of when Sam Slatter pilates will restart. Request for 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party booking; noted responsible adults must be present.

Request from Jack Bright about use of changing rooms for proposed local football team. Showers are currently not functioning; could be overhauled but would need to be sure of sufficient booking to justify outlay on this. It has been agreed that Little Roots playgroup could use one changing room for equipment storage so only one

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remaining changing room available; not known whether football would be mixed. Other storerooms unlikely to be large enough for Little Roots. Agreed to offer booking, subject to agreement on ensuring changing rooms left clean. Access can be arranged to avoid footballers needing to cross carpeted areas.

Little Roots playgroup due to start 9 March, two sessions per month. Will have access to storage the week before. Key access via safe. Little Roots to do own risk assessment. Doors closers may need to have dampeners added.

**ACTION: PC to email AJ a booking form suitable for this recurring booking.**

#### **HOUSEKEEPING**

Some children's parties hirers failing to use facilities for nappies. After last coffee morning, ladies toilets again locked from inside.

Ian Smith curtains - SJ and JC provided fabric samples. Fabric costs within budget.

**ACTION: SJ to check with TT re making of curtains**

#### **MAINTENANCE & OUTSIDE AREAS**

Community garden - no reply yet from Wright family.

**ACTION: JC to contact Forest of Dean re grants**

Gardening – quotes provided for grass cutting, hedges, pruning and maintenance of front garden

**DECISION: Hire Murray Thomson**

Outside light - repaired.

Car park gravel - Coniston (builders working opposite Village Hall) may be asked to redistribute gravel again towards the end of their work. No new gravel required.

Interior painting – over next few weeks SJ and TT to fill and sand walls and consider how much paint needed. Have brushes & rollers etc. Discuss at next meeting whether additional volunteer help needed.

Staging – Broomsgreen Village Hall would lend their staging free of charge (we would need to arrange transport).

Hall capacity – enquiries from Neil Goodall and possible choir event

**ACTION: PC to circulate information about calculations for safe capacity**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – none besides that covered in other agenda items

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

None planned. Quiz mooted but would need to consider refreshments.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Treasurer and bookings officer - PC re-iterated that he would like to stand down as soon as a replacement could be found.

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Village Hall future - as set out in PC's note to Committee members, Village Hall losing around £3k p.a. which is unsustainable. Potential divergence of interests between the VH Trustees (who were duty-bound to meet the objectives in the original conveyance), and villagers – in particular in relation to the car park. Glynchbrook proposal could affect village hall usage but unlikely to be realised before financial situation needed to be resolved. Previous discussions included short-term lease of Ian Smith rooms as business space; would have VAT and rates implications. Internet could be provided relatively quickly if outlay justified.

**ACTION:** PC to draft and share with Chair a version of his note, to be shared with the Parish Council and School.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 26 February 2026