



HILTON VILLAGE HALL 12th January in Willow Room 18:30

Date of next meeting: 9th February 2026 in Willow Room 18:30

1. Attendees and Welcome:

Trustees: Jenny Hickling (JH), Rachael Gaskin (RG), Jenny Kerry (JK)

Committee Members: Julie Kenward (JSK)

2. Apologies:

Trustees: Rebecca Hammersley (RH), Mark Turnbull (MT), Dave Hickling (DH), Neil Foster (NH)

Committee Members: Amii Sherwood (AS)

3. Declarations of interest:

Trustees:

JH – Hickling House

DH – Hickling House

RG – Parish Council

RH – Gracechurch

Committees Members:

JSK – HATS

4. Confirmation of Minutes: Agreed and confirmed by Trustees.

5. Matters arising from To Do List

- Companies House and Charity Commission both received and accepted our annual accounts before the Christmas break. Accounts for Y/E March 2025 will now be due by 31st December 2026.

6. Finance

- Bank balances:
 - Current Account: £2,248.31
 - Savings Account: £8,508.79
 - Grant Account: £2,002.89
- Sales invoices still to be paid: £1,400.68. AS to inform committee if these are overdue invoices. If so, they will need the 20% late payment adding.

7. Grants

- S106 - £7,500 for hot water tank – application sent to HPC via RP. Although no letter of support has been received from RP as it was not on December's HPC meeting agenda, IH at SDDC has confirmed that as we can prove it has been sent to them, we can send him the application directly for it to be processed to us. The VH Trustees will be seeking clarification from HPC regarding their Section 106 monies application process.
- National Lottery Reaching Communities – unsuccessful on this round.



- Morrisons Foundation applied to for £4,445 towards Warm Space and new chairs 05/01/2026. AS to update when any communication is received.
- Bernard Sunley applied to for partnership funding (they accepted the S106 and ACRE as the partnership) – total applied for is £917K. This can take up to 6 months for a response. Application submitted 21st November – AS to keep Committee updated with any updates
- JH suggesting requesting the full £87K 106 monies from SDDC and moving forward with the EV chargers. JK said that this would not work as drawing the full amount would mean that it would then become time limited and would need paying back if we didn't spend it. JSK agreed with JK. JK suggested looking into drawing down the money for EV chargers only.

8. AOB

- JH is looking into a new Mediumship Evening to be hosted by an alternative Medium. Updates to come following the event being attended w/c 19/01
- JH would like to propose looking into hosting 2 Farmer Markets at the hall. AS to look into how these can be organised and who we need to contact. JSK suggested contacted Tutbury Farmers market for advice. JK suggests speaking to Hawk and Buckle in Tutbury.
- JH and AS to also look into hosting a Social and Community Cinema event at the hall. What would we need to host these?
- AS has managed to secure free website hosting through Krystal Hosting. By migrating from IONOS, it will save the hall £446.40 per year
- Since the solar was installed in December, we have already saved £200 on our electricity bill considering we do not have battery storage as yet, and the weather has not been the kindest.
- AS to look for grant for EV chargers. JK looking at Workplace Charging Scheme.
- JK wants to discuss wages rises at next committee meeting. JH said it would also impact room hire charges. AS to add to next agenda
- JSK asked when our discretionary rates relief expires. AS to look into.

TO DO LIST:

1. AS to inform Trustees of late payers and add them to agenda from now on.
2. JH to contact HPC regarding 106 monies
3. AS check when our discretionary rate relief expires and reapply if necessary.
4. AS to add wage and room hire increases to the agenda for next months meeting