

Brampton Village Hall Charitable Trust

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Opening

Meeting of the Brampton Hall Charitable Trust committee was called to order at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd April in Brampton Village Hall.

Present

Jon Sawyer-Stone

Geoff Duke

Debbie Sawyer-Stone

Digby Gordon-George

Beth Child

Mary Rezlik

Jonathan Spinks

Jill Dixon

Linda Dickerson

Jon Mussett

Helen Duke

Non committee members

Piet & Jilly Knappen

Apologies

Jason Child

John Frye

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Minutes from meeting previous meeting

Read through and approved by all members.

Resignations and Appointments

None

Update on work completed

- Outside area has been transformed with shed removal, a weed barrier laid and shingle covering. Completed by a community effort organized and led by MR
- New outside furniture sourced

Update on work to do

- Toilet removed and work started on boarding out former men's WC for use as a storeroom.
- JM to order doors for storeroom
- Emergency exit needs replacing, ramp to be considered, will be very expensive and rarely used, could the temp ramp be utilized?
- JM to look at more avenues for grants
- Shed will be required to store outside furniture, access to septic tank needs to be retained.
- In the kitchen there are shelves to be put up, the optics need to go on the wall, and the walls are going to be tiled. JM with JSS assisting
- Sound boards are still needed to soften the sound JM to source.

- Need to check what is in the loft space above the kitchen.
- The new toilet needs to be more 'homely' with mirror, shelving and plants to be purchased. MR and DSS will go to IKEA
- Bigger television agreed (75") in time for the summer's World Cup GD and JSS to sort
- DSS to source an additional chalk board

Financial Report

Good profit from sales, when taking current stock into account, looks like we are meeting our target of 100% mark up whilst maintaining excellent value for money for members.

A big 'Thank You' to Mary who's Friday openings are proving very popular.

A lot of capital expenditure in the last year but this was helped with income from the events held during the year. More accurate recording of income streams is required to help our Finance Director create accurate accounts. Envelopes required to cash up after each opening / event.

Events and Publicity

Currently we have the monthly bar opening on the last Saturday, weekly bar opening on Friday early evenings, Book Club on the first Wednesday, and 2 weekly Pilates classes.

BOPC currently pay £15 per hour, was agreed to keep this as is, charge per session is to remain at £20 for all other rentals, plus £20 if the renter requires bar services.

Some suggestions for events included:

- Summer fete, provisionally agreed 26th July
- Fishing event in June for the start of the fishing season
- Whitsun BBQ (Jill organizing, thank you) in the hall
- Jon Spinks book unveiling / history evening / photograph presentation on big TV

Committee members can open the Hall and bar. This can be for a sporting event or just socializing, the member who opens the Hall takes responsibility for the opening and closing of the bar and building and for clearing up. If it is opened it would be polite to send a message on the WhatsApp group.

DGG has obtained the domain name bramptonvillagehall.co.uk and will look at standing up a website for publicity and booking. DGG to send coms around the village to update any possible food allergies to avoid any reactions. DGG to create and distribute flyers for Christmas Party.

Village hall rules need to be displayed on VH account and access obtained from DGG

JSS to update any new members for general village WhatsApp help group.

Bar pricing

Once we have lockable storage, we will be able to hold more stock and reduce the number of visits to the cash and carry. JSS looked at sourcing smaller cans as mixers, this is not economical currently. If we start stocking new products, they need to be priced accordingly at 100% mark up from purchase price. JSS and MR have found it beneficial to check supermarket prices, especially for soft drinks, lager and cider where significant savings can be made over Makro prices for these items. Some additional products are being trialed.

Volunteer painting

There will be more to do once the storerooms are renovated.

WiFi

We now have full broadband supplied to the hall by Openreach. They were kind enough to waive the cost of the new telegraph pole (about £2500) to enable the cable to be safely run to the building. This has provided broadband access to all. JSS to change the name of the network from 'BarWifi' to 'Brampton Village Hall'. A notice will be posted when this is done.

AOB

- The code for the key box needs to be changed.
- LD to receive cash from bar, please ensure there is a £30 float at the end of the session. Card payment is preferable. Cash up to take place at the end of the month.
- GD to obtain a copy of our license to display in the Hall
- HD to create posters to advertise events
- DG to carry out market research into what events people want in the hall
- JS and Tim Briscoe have Roman history and artifacts for a potential display
- HD to speak to Bure Valley Railway to see if there is any interest in a talk

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm