

Lothersdale Village Hall Trust

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2026

Present

Stephen Cohen (Chair), Catherine Gott, Kendal Gott, Graham Wadsworth (Treasurer), Jill Murray

Apologies

Peter Harrison, Malcolm Willetts, Richard Smith, Gill Hall

1. Jill Murray was nominated and voted to be appointed as Clerk Trustee
2. Letter from Charity Commission was discussed (see attached). It suggests an annual rent of £300pa, renewal of existing terms and conditions (except the Church must pay for the costs associated with their 72 hours of free use). If agreed by the Trust, the PCC and Diocese then to decide whether to agree to the CC proposal.
3. An alternative proposal has been suggested for the Village Trust (owners of the Clubhouse) to buy the Village Hall with the proceeds of the sale of the Clubhouse which is currently sold subject to contract. Several points were made:
 - a. If sold outright to the Village Trust, could a clause be written in to stop the Village Hall ever being sold for commercial gain and ensure the Village Hall remains available for the use of the villagers.
 - b. Should the Village Trust funds of approximately £30,000 be put towards the purchase so that the Village Hall Trust retains an interest?
 - c. Who would then be responsible for the running of the Village Hall?
 - d. How long will it take for the sale of the Clubhouse to go through?
 - e. Would the Village Trust be willing to consider this?
4. Catherine suggested that regardless of the outcome of the discussions regarding the rent, lease, sale, the available £30,000 should be used to fix the roof immediately so that the Village Hall could once more be available for use. Noted that events are being turned away and people may be reluctant to return.
5. It was concluded that of too great an importance for the decision to be taken with limited attendance by Trustees and an extraordinary meeting would be called.
6. Stephen to check out the water filter and UV steriliser as water pressure has dropped. Still running well from the bore hole. Noted that a contribution to the cost of the replacement filter for the borehole may be required.
7. Renewal of Malcom Willetts as Trustee was agreed, provided he is in agreement.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 27th or Friday 28th August.