



Held Sunday 2nd October 2025 – 7:00pm

Welcome & Apologies

Present: Paul Mott, Chairman and Meeting Secretary, Laura Mott, Trustee/Treasurer and Bookings Secretary, Steve Campbell, Trustee, Alan Smallwood, Trustee, Steve Killick, Trustee, Garry Anstee, Trustee; Jamie and Ellie of *Jamie's Castles*.

Apologies from John Roche, Trustee, and James Stuart, Trustee

2. Minutes of Sunday 3rd August 2025 meeting

Approved

Actions :

>> Paul to discover if a third reserve account is feasible, or convert the second, that has notice to withdrawals but with a higher interest rate. – not complete for lack of time, carried forward

>> Alan will organise a pruning party in relation to the dead or fallen trees that allow rats and squirrels, direct access to the island. – about to start Wednesday next week, with Steve Killick and Peter Abraham

Alan to send insurance re : fun day / bounce-fest idea to Mole Valley District Council and explicitly confirm that the event would be able to get their consent.

Paul to book the pair of jazz players that he and Alan heard at the Ockley and Forest Green summer fair.

3. Treasurer's report

- Current Account £2,239 as at 2nd Oct 2025
- 2nd Account £32,501 as at 2nd Oct 2025
- Total across the two bank accounts £34,740
- Petty Cash : Events £503 Cinema £300, Treasurer £277.60

4. Bookings report

Bookings secretary update :

Next Milestone Big Band night : December 6th after fun day, BGCA bar

The December 6th cinema booking was overlooked by the Chairman who was covering for Laura when the band enquiry came in; we moved that cinema back a week to Sat 29th November (so there are two cinema events in November, and none in December), which also avoids over-using trustees on two events in one day.

Chair exercise class in small hall : the details were agreed. Still waiting to see if they want to go ahead.

Next KAPOW! Wrestling : November 15th. (we run bar).

Vaccinations – autumn campaign is now under way.

Slimming World is looking for someone to run it on Fridays at our hall, which if it comes to pass (main hall) might be 2pm to 9pm. Steve has given Tracey Mullett of Slimming World, Laura's number. Still not heard from her.

5. Cinema report

Note that the last film of the year will be Saturday 29th November. About mid November, we'll be choosing the Jan to Apr 2026 films.

6. Health and safety

Nothing to report.

7. Maintenance

“One-off” external window clean of village hall took place.

8. Events

Planning for Fun day 2026 - Jamies' Castles joined us to discuss the bouncy-castle-fest idea (a number of castles outdoors, up-field, using JC's insurance; we wouldn't have an indoor one; JC would advertise on their socials; fixed charge per timeband; we still have space for all our usual stalls in hall and in car park. No dog show. Date : late May bank holiday Monday (25th).

(NB Paul has a 45 metre 13 amp extension reel and will check how far up-field that reaches. More of the same would be about £50 each. 9 metres of anti-trip cable cover to take several cables inside its void is £50. <https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/325168666773> - Jamies' may have a generator? Total power requirements will be something to discuss)

JC will send Alan their insurance and he will check with Mole Valley District Council in October that the event would be able to get their consent, and run Jamies' insurance by them, as if it can't get their consent we need to hear that well within 2025 and have time to re-plan. The only date that suits Jamies' Castles in 2026 given how busy they are with regular clients later on, would be **Monday 25th May (bank holiday)**, so if the idea works, it will be then this year. There would still be space for our usual stalls but we think, with 8 dogs entering in 2025 and 3 dogs in 2024, to cancel the dog show going forward. This also releases some space.

If windy, bouncefest part of fun day would have to cancel or move inside / smaller (4 castles?). 1 member of staff on slide, make sure not too many at top and that they don't jump. This is JC not us. All on JC's insurance. Bungee run 2 staff. Parents must stay across bouncefest event. 90 minute slots. Wind 24mph max.

Power 8 times 10amps, most are 1.5 HP, some are 2 HP.

Laura is in liaison with the “Rampant Rooster” Morris Dancers re : 2026. Perhaps we might use a different sort of music-maker instead of the band, to ring the changes ? Some of our regulars say the usual band is a little loud for them.

Planning for Christmas Fair 6th December 2026 : 15 stalls about our max plus Laura's games and in small hall, once again the grotto / Santa. Stalls £15 each indoors or £5 outdoors.

Jumble sale 11th Oct 3:00 to 15:00

6th December Christmas Market 12:00 to 15:30

Any Other Business

We are up for a sustainability award from Mole Valley

9. Date of next meeting 23rd Nov small hall 7:30 (Sunday)

SUMMARY OF OTHER FORWARD DATES:

- Jumble sale March 2026 – no date set yet. A nominal one entered on website because it insists on a date.
- 6th December Christmas Market 12:00 to 15:30
- Fun day tentatively Monday 25th May (bank holiday)
- Next *KAPOW!* Wrestling : November 15th. (BGCA bar).
- Next Milestone Big Band night : December 6th after fun day, BGCA bar both times.
- AGM July 2026