

Minutes of the meeting of Church Fenton Community Hub Management Committee
held on Tuesday, 30th September 2025 at the Bowling Club 7pm

1. Present: Paul Brooksby, Chair, David Herbert, Rebecca Hunt, Treasurer, Mandy Thirkill. Nigel Thirkill and Gwyneth Stephenson, Secretary.

2. Apologies received from Sarah Chester.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July were approved Rebecca Hunt and David Herbert.

4. Matters Arising not included on the agenda.

Nigel Thirkill and Paul Brooksby met with Plunkett's to discuss the implications of introducing an open share offer. There would need to hold a special members meeting (SMM) to amend the rules.

Publicity while the share issue is being written and a share value to be agreed. The offer would only be open to new shareholders and investment of less than £100 would not attract interest. The proposal will be put to members at the SMM. Other rule changes to be considered at the SMM.

5. Reports from Committees

a) Finance

Rebecca gave details of the bank position. As the Deposit account has now matured it was proposed Nigel Thirkill and Paul Brooksby that another account be opened with no maturity date.

Invoices had been paid to WordPress, the Village Hall for a Storage cupboard for the Community Nest. The Corporation Tax due will be £688.37. A letter to be sent to the Village Hall as the invoice for storage was not received until August but was dated 9th June. The storage period runs 1st July to 30th June, a revised invoice dated 1st July is to be requested.

b) Communications:

A new website domain has been set up with Krystel. Email addresses to be agreed and content to be transferred from the existing website. Nigel Thirkill to liaise with Barbara Miller who will carry out the transfer.

c) Governance:

A letter will be sent to all Parish Councillors regarding the proposed P C Representative.

d) Projects:

A grant application had been received requesting £1000 for the Neighbourhood Planning Group. After discussion this was refused as it was felt that this should be covered by Parish Council funds. Paul Brooksby took no part in the discussion or vote.

An application from the Village Hall Committee for the continued wi-fi provision. A copy of the invoice confirming the amount will be required and the Hub would like an acknowledgement in the hall that the Hub is providing the facility.

An application for £75 for bulb planting has been requested by a member of the village but attributed to the Parish Council. The Parish Council to be contacted as grants cannot be paid to individuals.

e) Community Nest. An expenses contingency agreed of £500 with invoices forwarded to the treasurer to cover purchases. The Hub to continue to pay for hire of the Village Hall.

6. Future Events

The Pensioners lunch will be held on Tuesday, 2nd December at the White Horse. David Herbert to produce posters and tickets. Mandy Thirkill to be the contact for tickets with bookings open from 1st to 14th November. The Community Shop to be asked if a hamper could be donated for the raffle. There will be a meeting with the landlord to agree costs etc.

The Annual Members Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th November in the conservatory at the White Horse to begin at 7.15.

7. The White Horse.

There is to be a meeting with Steve Hawkin to discuss the overall reduction in opening hours.

8. Any Other Business

Paul Brooksby to organise a meeting with the Community Shop committee.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th October at 7pm in the White Horse.