



ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Serving Farley Green, Brook, Little London & Newlands Corner

PARISH OF ALBURY

NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Local Government Act 1972

The minutes of Albury Parish Council village hall sub-committee meeting held on

Monday 6th October, 2025 at 19:00 in the memorial library

for the transaction of the under mentioned business.

There will be an informal question time of up to fifteen minutes during which members of the public, who live or work in the Parish, may ask questions relevant to the work of the Council. The Council meeting will start immediately following public question time or at 7.45pm, whichever is the earlier.

MINUTES

Present: The Clerk, Cj Bishop-Wright

In attendance: Cllrs. G. Baker, S. Bevan, N. Edwards, P. Gellatly, and A. McCann

1. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Cllr Robinson.

2. **Declarations of interest**

None received.

3. **Matters Arising**

a) *Review of the Village Hall & Memorial Library Lease; Annex 1*

Cllr Bevan expressed concern over the ongoing cost of renting the Village Hall, which was deemed unaffordable in its current state. The boiler is expected to fail imminently, with a replacement cost of approximately £3,000.

Cllr Bevan proposed that we do not continue. Council could offer to manage bookings for the hall on the Estate's behalf, provided all costs remain with them.

Cllr Gellatly suggested just keeping the Memorial Library at a lower cost and risk. Cllr Bevan noted that this would cause a lot of complications due to shared systems.

Cllr Edwards reported a positive discussion with the owners of Farley Hall, who allowed to Council to trial holding meeting there. This would include capital costs, internet provisions, and pathway lighting.

- Estimate cost: £20 per meeting for the roughly 30 meetings annually. Total £600.
- Preference for a rolling occupancy agreement rather than a fixed-term lease.
- Cllr Gellatly queried whether a flat fee for the year would be simpler.

Other suggestions of where Council meetings could be held are: the Barn Church and the Cricket Club.

Cllr Bevan proposed that the Council withdraw from any financial responsibility for the Village Hall, while remaining willing to assist with bookings on the behalf of the Albury Estate. Cllr Edwards seconded. All in favour.

4. Fees for 2026

Postponed.

5. Any other business

6. Dates of next meeting: to be determined.

Dated this: 8th October, 2025

Signed: CJ Bishop-Wright

Parish Clerk and RFO