

The Tiddy Hall Ascott-under-Wychwood, Oxon

*Founded and given to the village by
R. Tiddy, Esq., in 1912*

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ADMINISTERED BY LOCAL TRUSTEES

Minutes of the meeting of the Tiddy Hall Committee held on 11th November 2025

1. Present
JB, MP, AW & CF
2. Apologies
LB
3. Conflicts
 - a. No items on the agenda that would give rise to a potential conflict of interests.
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - a. Approved and signed
5. Matters Arising
 - a. AW to enrol Tiddy Hall as a member in order to benefit from available discounts and other benefits. **(Action)**
6. Booking & Marketing Report
 - a. MP reported that bookings continue to run ahead of last year with one new notable regular booking being the Cotswolds Stage School.
 - b. MP advised that 'Fitness with Alex' had been cancelled. It is believed that this may have been due to low demand or that he found a cheaper option.
 - c. At the recent race night, it was noted that, once again, there was a problem with the oven. It appears that, despite warming up the oven for an extended period, as soon as the cottage pies were inserted the temperature dropped to around 90 degrees and never recovered. Pete asked for a partial refund but this was declined as he actually accessed the hall several hours before the booking start time, for which we did not make a charge, and we also provided significant support (technical and physical) prior to and during the event without charge. CF offered to investigate the availability and cost of a second-hand industrial oven (see below)
7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. AW noted that the so far during the current month-to-date we were running at a deficit of around £1400. That said, it was noted that the Pre-school invoice for £2598.75 will be paid later this morning, ensuring that we continue to operate with a surplus.
 - b. AW asked whether there would be any objection to changing our financial year from June-May to January-December. There was no objection and AW will advise The Charity Commission accordingly. **(Action)** JB to add AW to The Charity Commission Register as a Trustee so that he can assume administrative responsibility on behalf of Tiddy Hall. **(Action)**

8. Fundraising

- a. CF advised that she had registered Tiddy Hall on the WODC funding platform. Two funds will be opening at the end of this year/early next year:
 - i. West Hive – max £12k/75%
 - ii. UKSPF £20k/50K
- b. The National Lottery is now open
- c. CF has used the Charity Excellence Dashboard to identify a possible source of funding up to £5k
- d. Projects requiring funding will need to be prioritised (see below) and costed so that CF make the necessary applications.
- e. CF advised that discussions had started with John and Debra Cull regarding a Panto in 2026. It was agreed that this would be an excellent opportunity for social engagement as well as fundraising for Tiddy Hall. Ideally, the planned replacement of the stage (see below) would be completed before the Panto in December 2026.
- f. MP provided an update regarding the Christmas Concert which is scheduled for 20th December 2025. Promotional activity will commence imminently including social media, posters, flyers and word of mouth. All committee members are to help promote the event and to provide support at the event itself. AW and LB agreed to run the bar. CF agreed to run the raffle and support Elaine on the door. CF agreed to talk to The Swan regarding the possible donation of a raffle prize. **(Action)**. AW similarly agreed to talk to Hook Norton Brewery on the same basis. **(Action)**. JB and MP will be performing as part of 3PS. The Wychcraft Rock and Pop Choir will also be performing. Food will be provided by way of a gourmet burger van. Tickets will be priced at £10 and will not include food. The burger van will charge for food separately.

9. Capital Expenditure/Maintenance

- a. Mains water leak repair rescheduled for 22/12/25 to avoid disruption to users.
- b. PV system maintenance and emergency lighting check completed 31/10/25. AW to settle Eco-synergy invoice. **(Action)**
- c. The purchase of a chair stacking trolley was agreed (£95.99 inc VAT). MP to place order **(Action)**
- d. Project priorities (subject to funding):
 - i. Fire Risk Assessment remediation (high). JB to share report containing details of issues to be addressed. **(Action)**
 - ii. Curtains to be treated with fire retardant spray (high). AW to take measurements in order to obtain a quote. **(Action)**
 - iii. New stage (high). MP to obtain quotes. **(Action)**
 - iv. New oven (high). CF to obtain quotes for second-hand industrial oven. **(Action)**
 - v. Drinks fridge/freezer for kitchen/bar (medium). AW to obtain quotes. **(Action)**
 - vi. Thermal curtains to be installed to reduce energy loss (medium).
 - vii. Patio doors to be replaced to improve security, weather resistance and energy efficiency.

viii. Painting and decorating (low). MP to obtain quotes. **(Action)**

10. Bar Duties

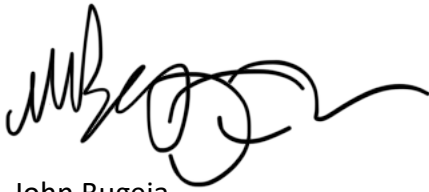
- a. 13/12 LB + ?
- b. 20/12 LB + AW

11. AOB

- a. Air ambulance clothes bank is not always being used correctly with donors leaving large plastic bags of clothes on the ground near the bin. MP to add a sign instructing donors to place clothes in the container and to call the number provided if the container is full. **(Action)** Consideration may be given to obtaining a second container if the existing one gets filled too quickly.
- b. It was noted that the Cotswold Stage School will be providing their own shed for storage of their materials.
- c. The Pre-school shed needs to be moved to allow access to the trees behind the hall for pruning. This is important as the trees grow quickly and cast a shadow over the solar panels, reducing their effectiveness. JB to write to Chair/Treasurer accordingly. **(Action)**
- d. JB to chase Eco-synergy re quote for dimmer lights in main hall. **(Action)**
- e. We need two more trustees/committee members. All trustees to spread the word.

12. Date of Next Meeting

- a. **13/1/26 at 7pm**



John Bugeja

Chair

11th November 2025