

Catcott Village Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 19th June 2025 at The Crown Inn, Catcott

In Attendance:

Janet Holden - Chair
Margaret Strickland - Treasurer
Anna Bradford
David Strickland
Linda Middleton
Andrew Thompson
Dee Eaton
Dave Parkes
Linda Wilson
Ian Bradford – Secretary

Steven & Tina Wheeler and Joe Whyte

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Item 1 – Apologies

Kay Lang & Martin Melia

Item 2 - Welcome - As Chair Janet welcomed all to the meeting.

Steven and Joe had been invited to the meeting to discuss the open gardens event. This item was discussed first so that they could leave the meeting if they did not wish to attend the whole meeting.

Steven has most generously agreed to the use of his vintage vehicles to convey our visitors around the village. Steven informed the meeting that his intention was to have 6 Vintage vehicles available. We thank Steven for his generosity in providing the vehicles which make the day so special for so many people.

Joe, one of the custodians of the village hall has agreed to run the BBQ for the event. Joe runs BBQs for Village Hall events and is well versed in this subject. We are most grateful to Joe for stepping in to help us with the BBQ.

David outlined the progress that has been made as follows:

Currently 15 gardens have agreed to take part.

Church Tower will be open, and Church will provide cream teas in the school hall between 2 & 5 pm.

BBQ in the school car park between 4 & 6 pm, run by the village hall.

Cake, Bacon Rolls and beverages will be available at the village hall all day.

Piano Bike Lady will be touring around the village stopping at various points.

Ice cream provided by Marshfield will be on sale at Buckfurlong Farm (No 9).

Philip Turvey will be touring around in his taxi picking up and dropping off at various stops.

Plant and Somerset Wildlife Trust stalls will be sited at the village hall.

In respect of the BBQ, we have agreed to purchase from the village hall a number of items that were surplus from the SEED event and also to purchase other items from various sources to achieve smooth running of the BBQ. However, the cost of these items is estimated at £280.

Therefore, it was Proposed by David Seconded by Ian that a sum not exceeding £280 be spent on purchasing items. All present were in favour.

We thank the Village Hall Committee for ordering items on our behalf and allowing us to use their Bookers card to make some of the purchases.

It was agreed that advance sales of wristbands would take place on the morning of the 22nd between 9 & 11 to allow residents to purchase to avoid the trip to the hall. Notification would go out to the village.

Permission has been granted to use Suprema for overflow parking.

Gilliam's has agreed to a donation of £300 but they wish to downplay the reference to Making a Difference and more emphasis on Gilliam's. As a thankyou they have been given two entry wristbands.

Matt Eichler tree surgeon from the village has donated £40 to the event.

Dave Gardener agricultural contractor has also donated £40

Parish Council were asked to request that the County Council Street Care unit carry out road sweeping around the village, which has been done.

Item 3 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on the 15th May 2025 were accepted as a true record, and signed by the Chair.

Item 4 - Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Defibrillator – Dee presented her findings with reference to the renting of defibrillators as an alternative to purchasing. It transpires that renting would be on a 4-year basis at a cost of £1.24 plus VAT per day amounting to approx. £2172.00 plus purchase of a wall cabinet in the region of £600. The purchasing option would be in the region of £1600 with the added cost of consumables as and when required. Quotes Dee has received are filed with these minutes.

Much discussion took place, the outcome being that we would need definite agreement from the Church as to the siting of the equipment before any decision to obtain the equipment be made. Dave agreed to seek the agreement from the Church.

Janet suggested that a definite decision needs to be made at the next meeting as nearly a year has gone by since this subject was first brought up.

Item 5 - Ongoing Matters - Not necessarily for discussion but to keep in mind

Manor Farm Development – No further information

Wellfield House – No further information.

King William Inne – Public Meeting to be held on the 8 July @18.30 prior to Parish Council Meeting in the form of a presentation by Palmers Brewery to see if there is interest in a community run Pub.

Memorial to Gerry and Lilly Wheeler - Ongoing

Village Booklet incorporating Garden Wells - Ongoing

Village Map - Ongoing

Item 6 - Treasurers Report

Over £25 expenses need prior Authorisation

Balances @ 19/06/25	
C/A	£198.16
Business Account	£3234.00
Cash	£294.66
Total	£3726.82
Expenditure	
Web site (June, July August)	£25.20
Printer Ink	£17.49
Bank Charges	£4.25
Public liability	£12.32
Hall Booking	£52.50
Signage/repairs	£29.85
Gather Food	113.95
Total	£255.56
Agreed Spending	
Open gardens - pamphlets	£50.00
Open Gardens – Ice creams (16/01/25)	£200.00
Open Gardens – Chloe Ashton (16/01/25)	£208.00
Open gardens – Black taxi (20/3/25)	£200.00
Open Gardens BBQ (needs approval)	£280.00
Open gardens Bacon Butties (15/5/25)	£120.00
Memorial Plaque from OG car money (20/07/23)	£76.00
Bus stop book shelf	£50.00
Potatoes (21/11/24)	£70.00
Wreath (21/11/24)	£25.00
Village planting (20/3/25)	£400.00
Defibrillator (16/01/25)	£2000.00
Total Agreed Spending	£3679.00

A further £1050 has been agreed to be spent on Open Gardens, of which £630 is to be paid in advance of the day.

With the £2000 set aside for the defibrillator all our current assets are allocated, but with Open Gardens occurring within the week I am confident this will change.

Where expenses are paid on a regular basis e.g. printing ink and web site fees, I am now paying by BACs quarterly (either in advance or arrears) to minimise our bank charges.

We are purchasing some burgers, sausages and rolls surplus from the Seed event from Edington Village Hall.

Item 7 - Village Hall Report. Dee attended the latest meeting and reported the following: Training on defibrillator use and First aid training is being sought and the CVA will be invited to take part. Family Fun Day is being organised and 31st August is being considered. A Murder Mystery event is being held on 25 & 26 July tickets now available. Film Wicked is being shown on 26 June.

Item 8 - PTA/School Report – The school planters have now been replanted with thanks to Sweet Acre Nursery of Glastonbury who provided us with approximately one hundred plants. A letter of thanks has been given to the Nursery on behalf of the CVA and, also the school council (consisting solely of school children) wrote to the nursery thanking them for their donation of the plants. The CVA also received a letter from the school council thanking us for what we achieved, the letter was read out at the meeting.

Item 9 - Future Events

School Scarecrow competition. Judging will be carried out on Friday 20th June. The presentation will take place on Monday 23rd June during the school assembly being held at 1.15pm. Janet and Ian will attend.

Potato competitions – How judging will take place will be notified to the village in due course, possibly at a coffee morning on the 25th of July for the early potatoes, but may have to be earlier.

September Event - Steve St Clair is progressing with the Treasure Hunt and will attend the next meeting to outline his proposals and to also fix a date.

Autumn Event 18th October – Sponsors of races now need to be found.

Item 10 - Any Other Business.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Andrew asked if we would be holding this event as we have in the last 2 years. A date of the 27th September was suggested if we wish to go ahead. To be discussed at the next meeting. Janet offered to host.

Web Site – Dave has reviewed the Website cost as follows:

We can get a 4-year deal with Hostinger for £71.52 plus VAT which works out at £1.49 per month. They can provide free website migration. There would be annual domain registration fees on top. Probably £8 to £12 annually. This should save us at least £345 over the 4-year term.

All were in favour of seeking a 4-year contract.

Bus Stop/Book Stop – Janet had received a request from a resident asking if a children's toy exchange (but not soft toys) could be located at the bus/book stop. As the building is owned by the Parish Council and we only have agreement for a book exchange it was thought best to seek their agreement at the next PC meeting.

Open Gardens Next Year - Ian asked that no return invites be made to any participants (other than paying customers) at this year's Open Gardens as it somewhat restricts the sub committees remit in organising the event as a different direction may be advantageous.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45.

Please Note - A copy of all letters and emails sent or received as mentioned in the minutes will be filed with the minutes. Minutes can be viewed by all on request to the Secretary and on the CVA website.

Item 11 - DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - Thursday 19th July at 19.30. Location TBN possibly at the Crown.