



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 15th October 2026 at King William Inn, Catcott

In Attendance:

Janet Holden
Margaret Strickland
David Strickland
Linda Middleton
Dave Parkes
Andrew Thompson from 16.18
Ian Bradford

Dave Thomas Neighbourhood Watch until 15.57

The meeting commenced at 3pm.

Item 1 – Apologies

Kay Lang

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

Item 3 - Neighbourhood Watch - Dave Thomas was welcomed to the meeting as he had requested attendance to discuss Neighbourhood Watch issues. With the demise of E-watch, it is now very difficult to disseminate information which may be of importance to the village. It was agreed that Dave would contact Richard Culverhouse (previous organiser of E-watch) to ask if information from ewatch information could be used to form a new group. Dave agreed to source new signage to be placed around the village. The CVA will include the Neighbourhood watch issues in their next newsletter asking for thoughts from the villagers on the subject.

Item 4 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on the 17th September 2026 were accepted as a true record, and signed by the Chair.

Item 5 - Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Water Butt at the Bookstop – This was agreed at the Parish Council meeting on the 13th October that the CVA could install a water butt at the Book Stop to ease the watering task. A water butt has now been purchased.

Heritage Trail Plaques – The sub group has met and ideas for plaques and information regarding the plaques is ongoing as there is a lot of information to trawl through.

Potato Competition Results – The following are the results of this year's potato growing competition.

1st David Glidon Equal 2nd Margaret Strickland & Anna Bradford

Children's Entries it was decided to present all four children who entered with a certificate.

Janet proposed that next year's competition would be for Early's only.

Distribution of Funds – It was decided that although funds had been distributed by Bank Transfer that a presentation ceremony be organised and publicity photos taken. Ian to obtain a Large Cheque from Lloyds Bank.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – A big thanks go to Janet for holding this event which raised £387.

Polden Players Pantomime Sponsorship – This was discussed at last month's meeting with a decision that this be discussed again at this meeting the outcome of which is that it is not in keeping with the CVA constitution to sponsor non village events and therefore the CVA would not support this event.

Item 6 - Ongoing Matters - Not necessarily for discussion but to keep in mind

King William Inn – A Café is planned for opening on Tuesdays from 10 am – 4 pm commencing the 20th October. An Art Gallery to be located in the Skittle Alley and formed by local artists is due to open on the 28th October.

Manor Farm Development – The Parish Council was approached with a request for the roads bordering Manor Farm to be swept because of all the debris left from the recent hedge cutting. This was turned down as it was deemed not cost effective. It was agreed that during the forthcoming CVA village clean up on the 18th October steps would be taken to clear up this debris so as to avoid blocked drains in the event of heavy rainstorms.

Wellfield House – *Secretary's Note Since the meeting the planning application has been rejected please see Andys Whatsapp message sent out on 22 Oct.*

Memorial to Gerry and Lily Wheeler - Ongoing

Church Matters – Dave informed the committee that the DAC had rejected the proposed plans as being too big. New plans will be submitted in due course.

Item 7 - Treasurers Report

OVER £25 EXPENSES NEED PRIOR AUTHORISATION	
Balances as @ 15/10/26	
C/A	£173.43
Bus a/c	£5,384.00
Cash	£257.93
TOTAL	£5,815.36
Expenditure	
Coffee morning	£7.35
Donation to Education Charity	£250.00
Donation to St Peter's Church	£250.00
Donation to Catcott Playing field	£250.00
	£757.35
AGREED SPENDING	
Memorial Plaque from OG money (20/7/25)	£76.00
First Aid Course (10/12/25)	£250.00
Village planting (29/01/26)	£500.00
Planter plaques (30/10/26)	£200.00
Water butt for Book stop (17/9/26)	£100.00
Village planting for 2027 (17/9/26)	£500.00
Catcott Village school (17/10/26)	£250.00
	£1,876.00
Total available to spend	£3,939.36

£250 has been paid to each of three charities chosen at the September meeting.
CVA donated the coffee for the very successful MacMillan coffee morning.
Our balance remains very healthy.

Item 8 - Village Hall Report – The Mangel-wurzel event was a phenomenal success and will be repeated next year. More volunteers are still required to enable the smooth running of the hall. A Ti Chi group has recently started up.

Item 9 - PTA/School Report – School to be asked if the CVA can use the Hall for the Carol Concert in the event of inclement weather.

Item 10 - Future Events

Victorian Evening in December – It was decided to incorporate with the Carols Round the Tree and the Windows and Gate decoration walkabout after the Carol Service on the 21st December.

Carols Round the Tree – To be held on the 21st December, Burtle Band is booked. School hall booked in case of inclement weather. Ian has the Carol sheet booklets.

Open Gardens 13th June 2027 – St Margarets hospice has made contact to ask if this event could be amalgamated with the Glorious gardens Campaign that they organise which would mean a 50:50 split of proceeds. It was decided that this is something the CVA would not want to enter into. However, if St Margarets Hospice would like to provide a stall on the day they would be most welcome.

50th Anniversary of the CVA in 2027 – The possibility of a Village Picnic to mark this occasion is to be investigated further as to a location and other logistics such as portable toilets. The heritage trail could be another event to be up and running in conjunction to make it a really auspicious occasion. A change to the CVA Logo to incorporate the 50th anniversary was also thought to be a good idea.

Conker Competition – It was suggested by David that we should organise a conker competition for next October.

Item 11 - Any Other Business.

Royal Mail and Probable Public Meeting - David informed the meeting that 49 members of the public attended the event and a summary of proceedings were distributed to the committee and a copy with these minutes.

Remembrance Day Traffic Control – The CVA has received a request from the Church to help with traffic control on the 11th of November. So far 3 people have come forward to help.

Christmas Salvation Army Collection – Dave requested that please can the CVA deliver a leaflet notifying the village of this collection. Last year the request went out with the November Newsletter.

Phone App – Andy brought to the attention of the committee a phone app that would be very useful in mapping events that take place around the village such as advent windows, open gardens, heritage plaques etc. This could be linked to the CVA website.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 17.00

Item 12 - DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - Thursday 10th November 15.00 location the King William Inn. David is asked to book the meeting space.

Posters advertising events will be displayed around the village and on social media platforms at appropriate times prior to events.

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.