CATCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 10th November 2026 at King William Inn, Catcott

In Attendance:

Janet Holden
Margaret Strickland
David Strickland
Linda Middleton
Kay Lang
Andrew Thompson
Ian Bradford

The meeting commenced at 3pm.

Item 1 – Apologies - Dave Parkes

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

Item 3 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on the 15th October 2026 were accepted as a true record, and signed by the Chair.

Item 4 - Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Newsletter – This is being finalised and should be available for distribution by the end of the week**.**

Water Butt at the Bookstop – This has been purchased for the sum of £33. Andy will install at the Bookstop in the very near future. (*Secretary's Note: since the meeting the water butt has been installed*)

Distribution of Funds - As agreed at the September meeting the funds have now been distributed to the recipients St Peters Church, School, Playing Field and Catcott Educational Trust. We now have a large blank cheque and it is proposed that we ask all recipients to pose for a photo being presented with the sum donated.

Neighbourhood Watch – An article has been submitted by Dave Thomas for inclusion in the November Newsletter.

Remembrance Day Service - Traffic Control – We have been asked to help with traffic control at the Remembrance Day Service to be held at the War memorial on the 11th November. David Gliddon and Adrian Pearson have volunteered along with David & Margaret Strickland.

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

King William Inn – Last 2 weeks leading up to Xmas will be open 7 days a week**.** Ladies social Skittle sessions planned for Thursdays. Happy Companions Lunch on 14th December. Meet the "Artists" who

display in the Gallery is planned for the 15th December. Tech Support will be available at every other Café Day. Saturday evening live music is being planned.

Manor Farm Development – Nothing further.

Wellfield House – Planners are appealing the Council decision.

Memorial to Gerry and Lily Wheeler – Ongoing.

Church Matters – Nothing to report as Dave P not at the meeting.

Heritage Trail – Still work in progress and a huge amount of information has been discovered.

Item 6 - Treasurers Report

OVER £25 EXPENSES NEED PRIOR AUTHORISATION	
Balances as @ 10/11/26	
C/A	£149.53
Bus a/c	£5,384.00
Cash	£257.93
TOTAL	**£5,791.46**
Expenditure	
Planter Plaques	£153.72
Ink	£54.45
Village Clean up	£36.84
Donation to Catcott School	£250.00
	£495.01
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
Water butt for Book stop (30/07/26)	£100.00
Village planting for 2027 (17/9/26)	£500.00
	£1,426.00
Total available to spend	**£4365.46**

The final donation of £250 has been given to Catcott Primary School.

The cost of refreshments for the village clean-up day was £21.84 and a further £15 was spent on chocolates as a thank you for Anna and Jill**.**

Item 7 - Village Hall Report – Meeting of the 27th October 2026. The AGM was followed by the usual committee meeting.
The Helpers event at the King William is to be an annual event in early September on Monday or Tuesday evening to thank helpers and encourage more involvement.

Upcoming dates:
13 Nov quiz night
28 Nov Barn dance
03 Dec Somerset opera Christmas songs
11-14 Feb 2027 Pantomime

Mangelwurzel 18th September 2027
Defib training is free and covers CPR so could be arranged?
No first aid training is in prospect.

Item 8 - PTA/School Report – School has agreed that CVA can use the Hall for the Carol Concert in the event of inclement weather. We are awaiting agreement for use of the hall for our AGM.

Item 9 - Future Events

Village Walkabout to view Advent windows and decorated gates on the 18th December at 6 pm. The CVA committee members are gathering at the Pound to tour round the village to view the Advent Windows and Gates and all residents are invited to join us. Refreshments will be offered at the end of the tour courtesy of Debbie & Steve at No 2 Vine Orchard. **Optional Victorian Dress would be most acceptable**. It was proposed by David and seconded by Kay that a sum not exceeding £150 be spent to cover the costs of the refreshments. All present were in agreement.

Carols Round the Tree 21st December - It was decided that the Charity we would support this year from the collection would be Dementia UK. Janet agreed to supply buckets for the collection.
The following expenditure was agreed:
Donation of £125 for the Burtle Band. Proposed by Linda Seconded by Kay. All present were in favour.
Up to £250 for purchase of Mulled Wine, Soft Drinks, Sweets and Mince Pies. Proposed by David Seconded by Andy. All present were in favour.

Catcott Village Lunch - The King William Inn has agreed to hold this event at lunchtime on **Saturday 23rd January 2027** the cost to individuals will be £20. It was Proposed by Janet Seconded by Andy that a sum of £5 per head subsidy would be paid by the CVA. All present were in favour. This would cover a 2-course meal consisting of a roast lunch and dessert plus Tea or Filter Coffee. The closing date for attendance was set as **Monday 11th January**. This will be published in the newsletter.

CVA AGM Proposed Date of the 17th February 2027 - As in previous years it was decided to offer Cheese and Wine after the meeting has closed. It was therefore Proposed by Andy Seconded by Ian that a sum not exceeding £200 be spent on these refreshments. All present were in favour. David and Margaret agreed to purchase items. A request to use the school hall has been submitted and we await their decision.

Open Gardens 13th June 2027 - It was decided to form a sub committee after the AGM so as to allow any new committee members to be part of the sub committee.

50th Anniversary of the CVA in 2027 - In the next newsletter residents will be asked if they have any thoughts on how this auspicious occasion could be celebrated. There is a lot of information available that can be used for a possible display at such an event.
Andy has designed a new CVA logo to be brought into use next year.

Item 10 - Any Other Business.

Defibrillator Tracker – The tracking device has now been set up on Janets phone as a back-up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16.35

Item 11 - DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - Wednesday 16th December at 14.30 location Polden Rise, Steel Lane.

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.