

**Fanshaw's Room Committee Meeting
held in the Farmer's Boy
Thursday 19th March 2026**

Meeting opened at 7.05pm

Present: Linda Ashley, Brenda Lambie, Robert Williams, Jean Retallick, Alison Blakey, Tony Roberts, Lawrence Price, Amanda Whittaker

Apologies for absence: None

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes approved.

Matters arising

None

Treasurers Report

Robert successfully applied for rate relief on the Village Hall and the Tennis Court.
Accounts: £10,087.22 in savings account, £7,304.61 in Current account giving a total of £17,391.83. £10,000 of this has been allocated to the purchase of the Village Green.

Robert has received a quotation of £657.72 for the insurance of the Village Hall. This is an increase of a little over 4%. He will continue to look for an alternative.

Tony asked if Robert knew what income was received from the rental of the tennis courts. Robert didn't think they made a profit but will have the numbers for the next meeting (AGM).

Tony asked if the letting of village Hall made a profit. Robert thought that it did but again will bring the numbers to the next meeting.

Hall Report

Brenda reported that over the winter months rentals are always lower but will pick up again next month. The cycling club and time trials start again in April.

One of the heaters has broken and needs to be replaced.

Tony asked if the leak in the Ladies toilet had been resolved. Brenda reported that the roof and gutter repairs have been successful as there have been no leaks since the repairs were carried out.

Tony suggested that more use should be made of the village amenities. Brenda replied that by increasing rentals there may need to be extra facilities, storage space and booking sites leading to more expense. It was also thought that Brickendon is a small village with a small Village Hall and questions if it is suitable as a larger venue.

This will be discussed at the AGM when Robert will have the relevant figures.

Tony asked if the hall had an emergency fund. Linda replied that there had been sufficient funds, especially after the Covid support received. However, £10,000 has been allocated for the purchase of the Village Green leaving a little over £7,000.

Robert confirmed that we do need more contingency money, to which everyone agreed, therefore more money needs to be raised to build up the emergency fund.

Linda reminded everyone that village events had been free but this should now be rethought.

Village Fete

Tony, Lawrence, Pam and Sal will be meeting soon to discuss the 2026 Village Fete.

Lawrence will be organising the music.

Linda will contact Police and Fire.

Tony the cadets and St John ambulance.

Tony stated that it was difficult to get enough to tombola prizes. Amanda suggested a bottle tombola - anything in a bottle which would be collected throughout the year at various collection points e.g.AGM. the Farmers Boy. Amanda volunteered to store them.

Events during the year

Rachel would like to resurrect 'music in the car park'.

Linda would like to continue with the annual Picnic on the Green but it would need to be a fundraising event, so either charged for or a raffle held.

The Village Green

Tony: Land registry has asked for details on how the village has used the village green over the decades. Tony has supplied this information and is waiting for a response from land registry.

AOB

The new fire door in the hall does not comply with Fire regulations as the required hardware is not present. This is needed for Insurance. Tony suggested contacting John Rees. Alison will ask John Rees if this is anything he can help with. If not the company who installed the door can be contacted..

The children's Christmas party went well.

The lunch/hamper for older members of the village were successful and Linda has received letters of thanks.

The Nativity play at the Church was very well attended and much enjoyed before the Christmas tree festivities.

Brenda asked that the Christmas tree with star on top be removed from the green as it is dead.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 30th April 2026 in Fanshaw's Room.

AGM at 7pm followed by Fanshaw's Room committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm