

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL Games Barn sub-Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of the Games Barn AGM held on 24 March 2025 at 19.00pm at Committee Room
Egerton Millennium Hall

Present: Melanie Rawlinson (Chair), Kirsal-Lomerud-Olsen (Caretaker and Bookings), Claire Foinette (EPC), Lois Tilden; Sonia Young (Parish Clerk), Kayleigh Kench. No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies: None. **Declarations of Interest:** None

2. Minutes of the last meeting on 14 October 2024 approved and signed: Proposer: Melanie Rawlinson; Seconded: Lois Tilden

3. Update following minutes of last meeting:

New locks working well however there have been instances of children "Playing" with the locks leading to concerns that these may be broken and it was agreed that a "Do not tamper – you may be liable for a replacement charge" note should be put on the door – MR to action (the locks are very expensive to replace). Also it was agreed that KL should ask for the key code to now be changed (this costs around £60) as the current code has been in use for quite a long time. Action KL

4. Games Barn use and rejuvenation:

New Users: Weekly Zumba has started in 2025. Friday evenings and weekend bookings for parties are still available slots. MR to publicise in the next issue of Egerton Update to encourage usage

Signage— this has been chosen but not ordered as the letters will need to be coated to ensure they do not "bleed" into the paintwork. SY to progress

Exterior Floodlight: This has been installed and is awaiting parts. SY to follow up with Dave Austen

Interior Painting. Quote has been received from the company that painted the exterior (and did a good job).

Quote is £3.7k for painting GB interior and blockwork PLUS an additional £2.8k to paint the hallway and kitchen and toilets etc. The total is £6.5k. Because of the difficulty in obtaining quotes (The committee tried for 4 quotes for the exterior paint job – only one supplier responded) the committee are for now, accepting this as a quote for the job. The brief is to paint the lower parts of the walls in a slightly darker shade to above (as this is where the most scuffing occurs)

Battery Storage: SY obtained a quote for battery storage from the solar panels from Power Point Electric Services. The basic quote is for £6.4k. This should give an initial payback period of 4 years in terms of electricity bill savings (the utilities bill for the Games Barn has doubled over the past year as we are unable to access fixed cost terms and this will only grow as prices rise).

Booking System: One of the most commonly used systems by local Parishes etc is the HallMaster Booking System. The committee has looked at the offer and it seems fit for our purposes. The plan is to integrate this within the new Parish Website so that it can be used in conjunction with the Village Hall Bookings. The system is compatible with the Hugo Fox IT that powers the village website. This has been moved into the next year budget as it will form part of the new website build when EPC is ready to go ahead with this.

5. General Maintenance

Plumbing: WJ Plumbing has been to look at the toilets and has fixed the ballcock issue.

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6. **Accounts:** were circulated. Current Account: £3,153.74. Deposit Account: £7,142.07. A bad debt of £90 now has just £45 outstanding and a £22.50 bad debt has been cleared. Hire income is tracking at 2024 levels and is basically in line with running costs.
7. **S106 monies:** The note from EPC Chairman John Lawton around monies allocated to S106 was discussed with ex-councillor Lois Tilden providing more detail on the process. Within the S106 monies there is £4,875 for maintenance which the committee feels should be allocated towards the repainting of the GB (If under-funded from S106 then committee will ask G Wickens Trust if they can meet the shortfall). There is £6,735 available for capital expenditure and the committee will seek to have this allocated to the battery storage system (£6.4k cost). A Plan B for this (should battery storage be not accepted by ABC) would be to look to have drop roof insulation installed (thermalised panels) to help prevent heat loss from the building. SY to advise when approach to EPC should be made on this and what format the request should take and MR will put this together.

NB the prices quoted for painting plus battery storage have a shelf-life and may increase in time

8. AOB

Groundwork behind GB. This was cleared last year and greatly improved the area at the back of the GB from overgrown weeds etc. Committee agreed that this would be done again this year.

Art Exhibition: C Hill's Art Exhibition will close off the GB to other users between 26 June to 6 July. KL to see if we can offer regulars alternative venues ie Village Hall during this time.

Next meeting to be arranged in 6 months' time.

The meeting closed at 20.15

Signed..... *M. J. Rawlin*

Dated..... *14/7/25*