

# **LEONARD STANLEY VILLAGE HALL, REGISTERED CHARITY 284371**

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 from 7.30pm**

Apologies: Chris Phillips

1 Present: Trustees - Richard Hubble Chairman, Phil Herbert, Jan Bogdiukiewicz, Nadine Phillips, Committee – Ian Sutton Treasurer, Paul Mukasa, Supporters – John Deuten, Ali Hubble, Ann Connett, Chris Connett, Manager Penny Scott, Secretary – Jane Roberts

### **2 ARRANGEMENTS FOR XMAS FAYRE**

We had been planning to have the XF as a joint VH/SC venture. However, SC is to close from 24<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December for the installation of new beer lines and they are taking the enforced opportunity to carry out a major revamp of the bar, the games room and to do some essential repair jobs. Whilst they are excited about these improvements, which should help increase trade and encourage young people's interests, it is disappointing for us in the VH. Added to that, the school is unable to arrange for any carol singing this year, which they are very sorry about.

We are a very small team, and we had counted on SC hosting Father Christmas and arranging several other items. We had planned a raffle, tombola stall, mulled wine, mince pies etc, a lucky dip even, plus Jane's eclectic stall and cats. But, after some discussion of possible options/dates for a scaled down event, it was very reluctantly decided to cancel the XF this year.

### **3 FORWARD PLANNING**

There are so many local organisations having FR events this year it is impossible to find a competitor free date. It would be better to try for successful events in 2026. RH had contacted some 18 stallholders but they were all fully booked, double booked even. He will contact them now to book them up early, firstly for the 25<sup>th</sup> July, and for the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2026 as many were interested in booking with us.

(RH)

Others would contact potential additional stallholders. (PM, PS)

It would be important to start planning for these events asap.

The school would be willing to turn out for carol singing next November. (PM)

One consideration will be to have better signage for disabled visitors' parking & toilets. Football pavilion can surely be used for toilets on the field, with others able to use those in the VH. Scouts could be asked to help out and the girls' football club could put on something, like a penalty shoot-out.

More volunteers will be needed for marshalling on the field and our car park.

The field would need to be formally booked in writing with LSPC's Clerk, although they are aware of our interest. (RH)

C Connett advised that the new car park should be ready by July 25<sup>th</sup> 2026.

Planning needed for where field events are to take place. Classic cars and an ice-cream van would be popular. (JD, PS)

Old-fashioned ideas could be revived, such as egg & spoon races & mini garden competitions, balloon modelling, face painting, giant bubbles.

It needs a timed Programme of events – with leaflets delivered to households.

Programmes containing adverts could also be sold for a modest sum which would include a "lucky" prize-winning one.

We hope to have another raffle later in the year if the Grand Raffle goes well, possibly at the July event – and again in November 2026.

SC is talking about having some kind of party on 6<sup>th</sup> December when they re-open, so perhaps .....?

4 **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE HALL:**

We will decorate the hall and put up the tree on 29<sup>th</sup> November 12-2pm.

- 5 **A GRAND VILLAGE RAFFLE** is now being prepared to be drawn in early Spring APRIL  
Date TBA. One Prize of a holiday in a Spanish Villa is secured and other substantial prizes are hoped to be confirmed from Frocester Fayre, Kings Head, Stonehouse Court? A licence from SDC is needed to sell tickets. (NP)

Designed numbered Tickets @ £5 each have already been purchased.

Social media promo and leaflets needed. (WHO?)

Sufficient to leaflet drop all homes. Volunteers needed. Ticket selling could involve all local groups. IS could help distribute and Penny could give batches to hirers. Where batches left (e.g.- shops) they must be recorded and promo leaflet included (WHO?)

- 6 **NEXT FUNDRAISING MEETING** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January –before the AGM 7.30pm.  
To further discuss Grand Raffle, Summer Fayre and Christmas Fayre.

- 7 **LSVH AGM** on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 7.30pm

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

Still looking for a Project Manager for a short-term project to set us up with a crowd funding website to bring in funds for the new roof.

LS Welfare Trust have a modest grant cheque for us – gratefully received. To be delivered to Treasurer. IS confirmed that our financial position is stable.

The Roof Tile board to be located and used again as this does generate funds – as well as giving someone a decent cash prize.

VH Rubbish Disposal arrangements were not discussed.

Work is continuing on updating the Governing Document, with several amendments being received, to complete it by end 2025, forward to Charity Commission and present it at the delayed AGM arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

No Fire Alarm update.

The Church's next event is Carols around the Brazier on 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.