

Draft Minutes of Winterborne St Martin Memorial Hall Trustee Meeting (V1)

Monday 24 August 2026, 8.50pm

Martinstown Village Hall

Present: Cllrs, Nuttall (Chair), Hosford, Pemberton, Marsh, Andrews & Eversden

Apologies: Cllrs Hutchings, Fitzgerald, Walker

MHT01/2026 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Marsh declared an interest as a beneficiary.

MHT02/2026 Motion

To agree to instructing a solicitor to obtain land registry approval for the memorial hall and the adjacent land.

Proposed by Cllr Nuttall and seconded by Cllr Hosford

This motion was discussed and the following key points made:

- Previous Land Registry application failed due to lack of evidential link between historic trustees and current trustees. Cllr Nuttall advised that further attempts without professional legal drafting would likely fail.
- Cllr Eversden raised concerns regarding earlier legal work undertaken via HK Law and the lack of retained documentation.
- Cllr Eversden reiterated that possessory title requires fencing and exclusion for 12 years; without this, an application may fail.

It was agreed the Motion is withdrawn due to absence of costings from solicitor.

To be brought back once fee estimate is received.

MHT03/2026 Motion

To agree a structural survey of the Memorial Hall at a cost of £600 plus VAT

Proposed by Cllr Hosford and seconded by Cllr Nuttall

Cllr Nuttall advised three quotes were requested.

One contractor did not respond.

One quote offered a lower initial fee but charged extra for a full written report.

The recommended contractor is experienced with historic buildings and has already visited the site.

Cllr Eversden opposed the survey, arguing that a £600 inspection would only provide a minimal opinion and not a full structural analysis.

Cllr Nuttall clarified the survey's purpose: to identify any major structural failings affecting viability and safety.

Further costings for repairs would be sought separately if required.

Motion agreed with Cllr Eversden against. **RESOLVED**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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