

Report to DPC from Dittisham Village Hall AGM and Committee meeting  
held on November 11th 2025

**Present:** Jane Milton (Chair), Ali Fodder (Vice Chair), Victoria Gardner (Secretary), Lisa Newey (Treasurer), Stella Stothart, Simon Barks, Nicky Mousdale, , Ros Neale, Gail Mosley, Di Fletcher, Tom Leeman

**Apologies:** John Keith

**Maintenance:**

- Bob Kendrick has stripped the boundary wall of the daisies which damage the mortar.
- A crack in the drains from the kitchen is causing water to leak out onto The Level beneath the wall. Nomad will be asked to investigate and the leak will be fixed as part of the insurance claim.
- Canec Electric Ltd has been out to fix one ceiling light (above the stage) and assess the lights in both halls. The up lights flicker, and two ceiling lights are off. It transpires that fluorescent bulbs are being phased out and switched to efficient LED lights. Unfortunately it is not just a question of changing the light bulbs, we will need new fittings too. A quote in the region of £3600 (inclusive of VAT) has been given to switch to LED in both halls. Also, the emergency panels currently used are being discontinued and we have been advised to move to LED lighting.
- Ditsum Players have installed new stage lighting which will be covered under DVH Ecclesiastical Insurance.
- There is a small collapsed area in the floor in the storage room at the eastern end of the Hall; this will be assessed when the stage is moved out for the Christmas Cracker.
- The First Aid Box will be refreshed and an accident book provided
- Callie Gooding will be the cleaner for the VH.

**Wall repair:**

The insurance company has given the green light for the wall repairs to be done by Nomad Construction. It is unlikely the work will commence before Christmas - other than stabilising and shoring up.

A programme of works will be requested.

The residents of Orchard Park will be notified that they will have to park elsewhere for the duration of the works and will be asked that they apply for permits to park in The Level car park, should they want to.

**Accounts:**

- The hall hire has been very busy as there has been an increase in use by the regular users and several other individual events. Income from this has made up the shortfall from losing the ballet school.
- Thanks had been received from the donation from the Art Show to The Habitat Group. This is going towards the release of water voles in the Spring between The Erme and The Gara rivers.
- The treasurer explained that DVHMC are servicing the VAT on the Nomad invoices and the relevant VAT quarters are likely to be 31/3/26 and 30/6/26. She has advised HMRC of the likely VAT refund applications.
- New dishwasher was purchased at a cost of £1950.18
- The new stage lighting cost of £4543.69 (gross) The VAT will be claimed back (£908.73); Ditsum Players made a donation towards these costs of £461.83 and there were donations from residents of the village totalling £3050.00. The Village Hall has been registered for Gift Aid with HMRC and 25% of all donations will be claimed back which in this instance will be £877.95
- There will be a 15% rise for the hire tariffs for both halls. (there has not been a price increase since well before the pandemic)
- A grant request will be submitted to DPC for next year along with the Annual Premises Report

**Car Park Update:**

A meeting was held between Tom Leeman, John Keith, Gil Hayward and Roger Pope. It was decided to request a 5 year Option Agreement from John Tucker on the land to allow time for the work to be planned for and carried out. The car park and the graveyard projects were to be considered separately but it now seems sensible that the graveyard be situated adjacent to the car park with a track in between the two. A contractor will do some feasibility investigations. It is likely that substantial landscaping will be required. It was agreed that Gil Hayward should represent the village hall committee on this project.

Ros Neale Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 2025

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**100 Club Update:**

Nicky Mouldsdales works hard on this and is aiming to keep the membership at 180 even though some folk have moved away and sadly a few have died.

She has already earmarked 11 new potential members and happy to learn of any new comers to the area.

180 tickets generates an Income of £4320

The prizes are £100 a month so £1200, in theory, is given out as prizes each year. This gives us a Nett income of £3120

**Members' Reports:**

**WI:** Nicky M. Everything is going well with several good speakers this year.

**Ditsum Players:** Stella S. The Christmas Cracker (Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) is sold out and the West Dart bus will be used to provide transport to and from Ashprington and Cornworthy. All 16 seats have been filled.

The Players have been building closer links with Ashprington and Cornworthy and whilst they were instrumental in initiating this, it is now becoming apparent that further progress needs to be made outside the DP's remit and a meeting will be held on January 21st at 6 pm in the Durant Arms, Ashprington. Anyone interested in becoming involved is very welcome to come along.

**Bowlers:** Di Fletcher. 4 new players have settled in well and are being included in the competitions.

**St George's Church:** Gail M. There will be a carol service in the church on Christmas Eve as well as the Glory for Christmas concert on 14th December.

**Parish Council:** Ros N. Please see attached report.

A Heartbeat poster and hand sanitiser were amongst DPC things collected from the previous PC Clerk. The poster has been put on the inner door of the VH and the sanitiser moved nearer the hand sanitiser notice on the notice board.

Date of next Committee Meeting: 17th February 2026 at 5 pm