

Ferring Amateur Dramatic Society

Minutes of committee meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2026

President	Pat Attree	Yes	Committee	Judith Mason-Griffiths	Yes
Chairman	Veronica Cringle	Yes	Committee	Simon Weston	Yes
Hon Sec	Roy Stevens	Yes	Committee	Carole Holliday	Yes
Treasurer	John Croot	Yes	Committee	Liz Nash	Yes
Tech Manager	Nigel Bubloz	No	Committee	Niall Conlan	Yes
Membership	Steve Baker	Yes	Committee	Liz Toon	Yes
Box Office	Andrea Leisk	Yes	Committee	Martin Oakley	Yes

1	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apology received from Nigel Bubloz 	Action
2	Minutes of Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes read and approved 	
3	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOH board & trolleys – See report from Martin [9] Valuation of new storage units for insurance – valued at £75,000 for rebuilding – John is still waiting on a quote. Payment to Village Hall - £5k – This has now been paid. Working party for reorganisation of FADS cupboards in V Hall – Simon reported that work has started and some of the cupboards have been cleared. LED lights for stage doorways – See Martin’s report [9] Village Hall Expo 30/5/26 – Roy has confirmed to the hall committee that FADS will be in attendance. Veronica made a request for past show programmes to form a display. 4pm Saturday performance for November production – Roy has changed the hall & Griffin Room booking provisionally to start from 2pm. Veronica to speak with Yaz. Potential CGT liability – Veronica and Nigel have registered the FADS trustee agreement with HMRC who have provided a unique reference number for FADS. Awaiting a further reference number, to arrive by post. Ongoing so c/fwd Opening event for celebration of the new storage buildings – This has been arranged for 9th May. Roy has booked the Club Room from 1pm to 4pm. Starting at 1pm with ribbon cutting at 2pm. Andrea agreed to organize the refreshments [use existing bar stock] Veronica to organize nibbles. It was agreed that a working party should be arranged to tidy up both stores, this to be 3rd May – WhatsApp message to be sent. Roy to send out an invitation to all members to attend the ceremony on 9th May. It was agreed that the Hall 	<p style="text-align: center;">JC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VC/NB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AL/VC/RS/NB</p>

	<p>Trustees and Niche Builders should also be invited as well as representatives from the Parish Council. Veronica/Nigel to arrange these invitations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter – Sue Curtis has been approached regarding editing the FADS newsletter and has agreed to do this going forward. 	
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email received from John Caddick congratulating FADS on a very enjoyable production of Nell Gwynn. 	
5	<p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John had distributed a trial balance prior to the meeting and presented a full set of year end accounts at the AGM held before this committee meeting. Balance in c/a £2,600 and cash in hand £1,000. Balance on interest bearing deposit a/c £36,000, which includes a contingency for the potential CGT liability of approx. £24,000 from the sale of the Sea Lane property. • Outstanding invoice for village hall rent is pending at £1,100 • Estimated surplus for the March production of Nell Gwynn - £1,200 	
6	<p>Technical Report – <i>in the absence of Nigel this was sent by email prior to the meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin and Nigel have upgraded the speakers in hall (at FVH expense) to help improve the sound (for all hall users). The new ones are white and were in use for Nell Gwynn and seem to further improve the sound for our audiences. The old brown FADS speakers will now be removed. <p>Opening Ceremony for new buildings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As this is only a month away, we need to ensure the following: Scenery/Props/Costume areas should be 'tidied up' and appear organised. Refreshments to be arranged (use wine etc. left over from shows). Invites to be sent out (suggest inviting Village Hall Trustees, FPC councilors, Niche (builder) + all FADS members) Arrange microphone and ribbon. 	NB
7	<p>Chair Report – thank you to Simon for an excellent March show – Nell Gwynn</p>	
8	<p>FADS proposed new Scenery/Props/Costume/Furniture store at Village Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As this project has now been brought to a successful conclusion it was agreed that it will no longer be included in future agendas. 	
9	<p>Set Build</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo board: Plastic purchased and some timber now purchased. Build is delayed due to the weather (material must be cut up outside). Now aim to get this complete for the June production. 	MO

12	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April play reading - <i>Five Blue haired Ladies Sitting On A Green Park Bench</i>. Roy will send out email to members. • May play reading – Simon is keen to read <i>The Talented Mr Ripley</i> • Roy was pleased to announce that he had sold the 4 airline bags used in Boeing Boeing to another drama group for the sum of £50. • Nigel has raised the following by email: Griffin Room Booking for show weeks: Currently, we book the Griffin Room for the whole morning of the Sunday get-out. For future shows, Nigel proposes that we either cancel this booking or reduce it to just two hours. A full discussion took place regarding the merits of this proposal and it was agreed by the committee unanimously that for the small financial savings this would bring it was not worth changing the existing booking arrangements as it could spoil the euphoria of final night if we had to clear the room on the Saturday before the after show party. Some shows take longer to clear up [depending on number of cast, costumes etc] so it is better to have the room for the whole of the Sunday booking period. • Nigel had also raised that the proposed poster for the November production of <i>Ladies Day</i> needs a minor update. Currently it says it's being presented by:- "Ferring Amateur Dramatics" This is not quite right and needs amending. Veronica is meeting with Yaz shortly and will make sure that this is corrected. • Andrea mentioned that the ice cream tray that she borrowed for Nell Gwynn FOH was very well received and worked well. She asked if Martin could make one for FADS – he has agreed to do this. • Veronica mentioned that Bex Drew has agreed to join the committee. 	<p>RS/VC</p> <p>RS/SW</p> <p>VC</p> <p>MO</p>
Meeting closed at 8:50 pm - Next meeting 6th May 2026		