Walton Village Hall Licensing

Report to the August 14th, 2026, Parish Council Meeting.

The village hall now has a license for serving alcohol.

To avoid doubt:

The Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, states that meetings of a Parish Council may not take place on licensed premises unless no other suitable room is available free of charge or at a reasonable cost.

Following liaison with the Society of Local Council Clerks [SLCC] on 3rd August 2026:

The SLCC legal advisor's legal interpretation of the above is that the Parish Council may meet in a licensed village hall ***as long as no bar is open at the time.***

Therefore, the Parish Council may continue to meet at the village hall so long as no function serving alcohol is occurring at the same time.