

Report from the Village Hall Trustees to Annual Parishes Meeting 21st April 2021

The Village Hall was closed on 23rd March 2020 to comply with Government Lockdown measures relating to the Covid-19 pandemic and has remained closed for the full year. The Trustees have met several times during the year, either outside or on Zoom to review the decision, but to date the Hall remains closed as we are unable to make it Covid-19 secure for group bookings.

Maintenance and cleaning have continued so that the Hall remains in good condition; the thermostatic control and fencing have been repaired and the interior and outside have been redecorated where necessary. We are grateful to the District Councillor's Community Enabling Fund which gave £950 towards the total cost of £4266 for the redecoration. In addition, the newspaper box was repaired, though this was funded by the Parish Council.

There has been no income from bookings during the year but a Covid-Grant of £10000 was received from the County Council, so the finances are generally in good shape. Substantial expenses have been incurred over the last year including cleaning, maintenance, insurance, and servicing costs. In addition, the standing charges for electricity, water and sewerage are significant and there is the cost of electricity over the winter for the heaters that prevent the pipes freezing.

Christmas decorations and lighting were placed outside the Hall in December 2020 and we understand were much appreciated.

Again, we are indebted to Mary Wake for her efficiency in handling queries about bookings.

A reminder that the Trustees request that all organisations with a storage locker in the Extension have two key holders.