

Ridlington Village Hall Committee Annual Report 2016

The committee comprising Jenny Rivett, Pat Dalby, Mike Fish, Henry Ike, Ruth Lees (Secretary)Christine Waterhouse (Treasurer) Pat Roome, David Harvey & Dave Roome (Chairman) met when required. During the year Pat Dalby and Mike Fish left the village and therefore resigned. Jenny Rivett tendered her resignation and will leave the committee and cease to be a trustee at the end of 2016. Thanks to Mike,Pat & Jenny for all their work.

Trustees

David Roome, Pat Roome, Christine Waterhouse, Ruth Lees, Jenny Rivett ,Henry Ike & David Harvey are registered as trustees with the Charity Commission as at the end of the year.

Finance / Legal

The accounts for the current account (day to day running) and the lottery account (maintaining and improving the hall) are attached. The annual report to the Charity Commission was submitted. It was found that the way we enter income in the CC return is incorrect and is in the process of being rectified. The lottery licence required by Rutland County Council was obtained as were drink licences obtained when required. P.A.T. and fire extinguisher tests were carried out together with an updating of the risk assessment policy.The hall is valued for insurance re-building costs at £203 k.

Village Hall AGM

This was held on April 12th, two member of the public attended.

Fundraising

The lottery remains well supported by 52% of Parish dwellings. Three coffee mornings, a Music Quiz, a Village Walk Quiz and a BBQ which coincided with the Queens 90th birthday were held with variable participation .We decided against holding an Xmas pub night due to pub night attendances declining year on year and with the income not being commensurate with the cost of the drinks lic, heating and the work involved for the volunteers.

Use of Hall

Various bookings ranged from Rutland County Council (polling station)Parish Council, Playing Fields Committee, Garden Club, Pétanque Club, Steps Class as well as private bookings. We now have an updated hire agreement. The hiring charge remained unchanged at £5 ph plus electricity used.

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Proposed Kitchen & Store Room Extension

Architects plans were produced and approved by RCC building control, we were then in a position to obtain accurate quotes. Due to builders being very busy many did not even respond when asked to quote. We eventually received three quotes from local firms ranging from £36 k to £41k (inc vat) these excluded the kitchen units / appliances etc and the fitting. To be able to afford an extension grants are required.

Grants & Village Survey

In previous years the hall has been very successful in obtaining grants. As we all know in the present economic climate grants are not so easily obtained (if at all) it was agreed that we needed to evidence grant applications by way of a village survey after much discussion this was commenced by way of an anonymous questionnaire in June with the results being given to the trustees in mid November. The results of the questionnaire are to be made available to all villagers who request a copy either by email or by a hard copy in the village hall porch. This will be advertised in the January copy of the Parish Magazine which goes to all homes. The results of the survey will be an item for discussion on the 2017 Village Hall AGM agenda to be held on 5th April.

Thanks to Everyone

The committee wish to thank everyone who supports the village hall, whether it be by participating in the lottery, supporting events and helping at work parties. A special thanks to Mike Grey who cuts the grass. It's been said before but we are a small village with so many calls on people's time and finances so all support is much appreciated.

Dave Roome - Chairman.

1st January 2017