

ANNUAL REPORT TO RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

24th MAY, 2022

The last Ringshall Village Hall Annual General Meeting took place on 27th January, 2022.

The present committee is as follows:

Brian Robertson, Liz Hitchcock (joint chairpersons); Maureen Wills (Hon. Secretary); John Wills (Treasurer); Julie Smith, Robert Stainer, Amanda Jones, Sue Watts and Andrew Farrow.

Jackie Barnard resigned from the position of Booking Clerk due to health problems.

Lacey Luthor is the new Booking Clerk to Ringshall Village Hall. David Ford remains as Auditor.

A copy of the Accounts was submitted by the treasurer to Ringshall Parish Council in October, 2021.

There is a reserve of £36,795-01 as at 17th May, 2022. This figure includes Mid Suffolk County Council grants which came to £2,667, and parish council grant of £1,000-00. The aforementioned figures ensure the continued operation of the village hall.

Once again by assiduous attention to costs we have managed to keep adequate financial return in relation to outlay.

With the end of social distancing, and after a slow start in July, 2021, the village hall is once again proving a popular venue for parties and receptions.

All local clubs are back in their regular 'slots', with the addition of a 'ladies Club' which takes place one Tuesday afternoon each month.

Hirers of the village hall (clubs/parties, etc) are still responsible for thoroughly cleaning/sanitizing the premises before activities commence. Before exiting the building only a normal clean and tidy up will be necessary.

Miss Eleanor Watts is presently cleaner of Ringshall Village Hall.

To enable the pecuniary resources of the village hall finances to remain in a healthy state it has been agreed certain charges be raised.

New picnic furniture arrived August, 2021.

The Salvation Army Saints Football Club no longer require use of village hall pitch due to falling player numbers. Goal posts removed in August, 2021.

Preparations for Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations well under way, starting with the lighting of the beacon on Thursday, 2nd June at 9.30pm. Celebrations finally finish on Saturday, 4th June at 11:00pm.

The Hitchcock family to plant deciduous oak tree on the playing field to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth 2nd.

Social Evening held in aid of proposed children's play area. Very well attended, with raffle making £350.

Plans/designs for play area equipment gone in. Lacey forging ahead with requests for funding. Figure between £58,000/£60,000.

Due to closure of Barclays Bank, Stowmarket Branch, banking now done at mobile Post Office which is sited at the former Naafi car park on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Thanks to all the local residents who regularly mow the playing field.

For keeping the hedges cut, and for carrying out various other outside jobs, thanks go to Liz and Guy Hitchcock of Chapel Farm.

The management committee would like to extend their appreciation to Ringshall Parish Council for their £1,000 donation towards village hall funds.

The management committee would also like to thank Ringshall Parish Council for their help with recent fund raising events.

Finally, the management committee would like to extend their appreciation to all the people who loyally support Ringshall Village Hall . The coffers would be empty without such help!

*Heather Walls*

*Mon. Secretary RVHMC.*