

# Dennington Village Hall

## Report of the Dennington Annual Parish Meeting, 9/5/22

The 12 month period from March 21 – March 22 was perhaps akin to riding a rollercoaster as we tentatively moved out of lock-down to a less restrictive lifestyle. Clubs and Societies were able to utilise the Hall in a safe and secure way until we moved into a position towards the end of the year when restrictions eased in entirety. For this we are grateful that life can move forwards for the community, many of whom have felt isolated over the past 24 months.

I am delighted to say that now the Hall is back in full use and is busy most days with various clubs and organisations regularly using this valuable community space. We have established a strong reputation for a well functioning, well managed Hall attracting hirers from not only within Dennington but surrounding areas.

### Financial Position

The current accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March are being prepared. The Hall remains in a strong position financially, largely due in part to the Covid Support Grants given over 2020/21.

Additional funds received :

- May 2021 £8,000 (noted in last years' report)
- February 2022 £2,667 Re-start Grant

However, we have a number of maintenance projects being looked at including new flooring, roofing projects and other improvements under discussion. We are also concerned about the increasing cost of utilities which will have an impact on our cost structure moving forward. We are, like so many keeping an eye on utility expenditure.

### Roles and Responsibilities

A number of long-standing personnel have stepped down from their roles as Trustees, including Mrs Mary Mann and Mrs Anne Keyes. Their support has been invaluable and for that we are grateful. However, this does leave us with vacancies to fill.

### Moving Forward

We continue to work as a group of Trustees to maintain and run the Hall efficiently and are pro-actively seeking ways to keep the Hall up to date and attractive to all. We are looking at new initiatives and community opportunities and welcome the use of the facilities for the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations as well as the Village Fete, scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>. This was a huge success back in July 2021, managed by Vashit Mouncer , who is looking to repeat the event once more.

### Thanks

As ever, we could not operate without the efforts of the Trustees who give up their time and energy to support the management of the Hall for the Community . I would like to note thanks to each and every one of them for their endeavours.

**Jo Cartwright**

**Chair of Trustees**