

Cherhill Village Hall

AGM

Thursday 29th September 2022 7:30 pm
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The period following our last AGM on the 5th of July 2021 saw the hall and its users navigate the loosening of COVID restrictions and slowly return to some sense of business as usual. It was wonderful to see so many of our regular users return and to see the hall back in such demand.

During this time the village hall committee continued to seek advice from Community First and ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) to enable us to run the facility in line with the regularly changing regulations. As of the 27th of January 2022, all regulations surrounding the use of the hall were lifted. Care is still taken to ensure that our users are safe and mindful of the risks that remain from COVID.

Booking levels at the hall have been very high again for some time now and it is clear that the hall remains an important asset to the village and the local community. I would like to thank all our regular users for their continuing support.

I joined the committee in November of 2021 following the resignation of Simon Tomlinson, the previous Chairman, who has since moved from the village. It was clear to me immediately just how much Simon had contributed to the Village Hall in his time on the committee and that he would be missed. In the time since the last AGM, the committee has also sadly lost one of its other significant contributors. A long standing villager and dear friend to so many, John Cavanagh was part of the committee for many years. Sadly, I did not know John myself but was delighted to receive an email from him soon after I joined the committee to express his pleasure in seeing new faces getting involved. He really was extremely passionate about the village and our community and I know that our long standing members of the committee are very grateful for everything he did for the Village Hall.

In December 2021 we launched a new website. The revision has seen the introduction of an online booking form along with feedback and fault reporting forms. Whilst we hope the new website is easier to navigate for our users, we also wanted to create a platform that was easy to maintain and update without needing to call in and pay for external help.

News and events are added to the website and we will work hard to increase the frequency and completeness of this. The site really came into its own when we developed it to host the sale of the various tickets available for the Jubilee Celebrations. With such high numbers of tickets being sold, the website saved us a huge amount of administration and legwork.

In February of this year, we were delighted to announce that we had secured ownership of the land adjacent to Park Lane earmarked as the site for the new village hall. This acquisition has been made possible following the generous donation of land by Andrew Ainslie and his family, previous owners of Bell Farm.

The new hall has planning permission but must await the raising of substantial funds before construction can begin. In the meantime, our hope is for the land to be used by the community for community events.

The committee has since installed power and water facilities in the field, as well as carried out improvements to the entrance to the field and improving security. I would like to make special thanks to David Grafton and Alan Moore for their significant contributions to this work and to the acquisition of the field.

The first outing for the field was to be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations held over the extended Bank Holiday weekend in June. It was a coming together that will be memorable for many years to come; A royal affair with the marking of the Queen's 70th year as monarch at the heart of the weekend. Our enthusiasm was perhaps also fuelled by the fantastic weather and the ability to enjoy gathering together in such a relaxed way after the challenges of the past few years.

As will be outlined in the financial report, the Jubilee Celebrations raised over £3,000. We are delighted to have been able to donate £1,000 of this to the Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field and £1,000 to St James's Church. Each organisation, or the representatives of, played a very large role in making the Jubilee Celebrations such a success.

Safety of the Hall is our primary concern. A new smart fire detection system with remote as well as local alarm notifications has been installed and the fire extinguishers inspected and replaced where necessary. The electrical system has also been thoroughly tested and certified by qualified electricians.

Trustees Standing Down – I have recently received notice from two of our long standing committee members, Adrian Wright and Bob Deacon, that they have decided to step down from the committee. They have both contributed significantly to the village hall over many years and the rest of us are sad to see them go. However, I know that they are both excited about the future opportunities for the hall and I have no doubt that we will still be able to draft them in to assist with the odd event or two! Thank you both very much for your support and contribution.

The Year Ahead:

Increase to Hire Fees – The village hall, like every other organisation and home in the country, has seen increases in our running costs. We have recently felt the pain of re-filling the oil tank and anticipate that other costs will increase over the next 12 months. We have given a tremendous amount of thought to this and have decided that we have little option but to increase the cost of hire for the hall from the 1st of January 2023. Regular users will be aware that the rates for the hire of the hall have remained the same for a number of years. We have tried to minimise this increase as far as possible and hope that the proposed uplift of £1 over current rates will not deter our valued regular users, or present any risk to the viability of their activities, be they commercial or otherwise.

Following this meeting, the price increases will of course be presented on the Website and communicated to all regular users of the hall.

Upgrade to Heating System – An issue was reported at the last AGM regarding the slight degradation of the oil storage tank for the hall. This led the committee to investigate a more thorough upgrade of the heating provision at the hall. This research, whilst having moved forward, is ongoing. A decision will be reached to enable any works to be undertaken in the spring/summer of 2023. In the meantime, the heating system at the hall remains fully functional, serviceable and above all, safe.

The New Village Hall - Following this AGM, it is intended that the focus of the newly appointed committee turn to the significant task of raising the funds required for the building of the new village hall. Great efforts had been made and progress achieved with applying for and attracting the interest of grant funding prior to the pandemic. Understandably, and quite rightly, funding opportunities vanished as the pandemic took hold with monies being directed to the more immediate need of COVID related causes. The good news is that there does now appear to be a return of funding opportunities and avenues to explore. With the dedication of a strong committee and a supportive community, I am quite sure we will be able to make some significant progress with our fundraising efforts over the next year.

Finally, I must thank the team of Trustees who have managed the hall on your behalf:

Alan Moore – Vice Chair
David Cracknell – Treasurer
Maggie Moore – Bookings
Bob Deacon – Assistant Treasurer
Nick White
Nathan Bliss – Hall Heating
Adrian Wright
Dave Grafton
Kerri Lynch
Sharon Simmonds

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Cherhill Village Hall (CIO)

No. 1164373

Receipts and Payments Accounts - Summary

For the period from	01 September 2021	To	31 August 2022
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	Operating Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021/22 £	Total Funds 2020/21 £
Receipts				
Donations and Grants	3,542	-	3,542	21,828
Hall Hire	7,285	-	7,285	495
Fund Raising	-	1,353	1,353	-
Other Trading Activities	1,812	-	1,812	1,344
Park Lane Site	6,625	-	6,625	-
Queen's Jubilee Celebrations	13,985	-	13,985	-
Total Receipts	33,248	1,353	34,602	23,667

Payments				
Fund Raising	-	734	734	-
Hall Running Costs	6,670	-	6,670	6,186
Support Costs	1,926	3,688	5,615	3,198
New Assets	12,241	-	12,241	5,968
Key Deposit Refunds	-	-	-	35
Architects, Consultancy & Surveys	-	86	86	1,546
Bank Charges	-	-	-	20
Other	5	-	5	-
Park Lane Site	5,476	-	5,476	-
Queen's Jubilee Celebrations	10,861	-	10,861	-
Total Payments	37,179	4,508	41,687	16,952

Net of receipts/(payments)	(3,930)	(3,155)	(7,086)	6,715
Cash funds last year end	45,034	6,640	51,674	44,959
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New Assets

Park Lane Land	£10,230	Park Lane 32A Electrical Fittings	£520
Park Lane Utility Cabinets	£1,081	Wireless Linked Fire Alarms	£409

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Net of receipts/(payments)	£3,120	£1000 each to go to St James and Tommy Croker
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Debtors

£0

Creditors

£0

Liabilities

Keys and Hall Hire Deposits	£200
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Receipts				
100 Club	690	-	690	786
Donations	185	-	185	10
Grants	2,667	-	2,667	21,032
Hall Hire	7,285	-	7,285	495
Auction	-	1,353	1,353	-
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-
Solar Panel Feed in Tariff	1,650	-	1,650	1,256
Key and Hall Hire Deposits	30	-	30	-
Other	132	-	132	88
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Payments				
Auction	-	734	734	-
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-
Repairs & Maintenance	986	-	986	3,190
Water & Sewage	600	-	600	568
Heating Oil	1,731	-	1,731	446
Electricity	596	-	596	266
Waste Collection	309	-	309	147
Cleaning & Expenses	2,448	-	2,448	1,569
Insurance	1,083	-	1,083	636
Broadband/Wi-Fi	283	-	283	429
Licences and Subscriptions	292	-	292	207
Legal and Accountancy	-	3,688	3,688	1,690
Administration/Communication	32	-	32	145
Sundry Expenses	237	-	237	91
New Assets	12,241	-	12,241	5,968
Key Deposit Refunds	-	-	-	35
Surveys	-	86	86	-
Architect & Consultancy Fees	-	-	-	1,546
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