

Report from Village Hall Committee to Parish Council
26th June 2021

The Village Hall Committee has now progressed to face-to-face meetings in the Village Hall, operating in accordance with the evolving Covid safety protocols. Matters to report include the following:

- The Constitution of the VHC, particularly with regard to its membership, has been updated and submitted to the Charities Commission for approval. Other documentation relevant to how VHC is operated has also been updated and adopted in preparation for seeking Stage 1 Hallmark Accreditation, as a precursor to following through for Stage 2 Accreditation.
- With the relaxation of Covid rules for meetings of groups the VH is gradually being opened up for activities, meetings and events. Bookings are now being invited, using the new online system.
- Financial situation – during the past 12-15 months or so approximately £25k of income has been generated by way of grants, etc., to help cover running costs and, where feasible, to upgrade our facilities.
- Rejuvenation – Designs, plans and estimates have been generated to convert the existing garage and storeroom into a new kitchen with an adjacent café/seating area. A total budget of £80k has been identified (making conservative allowances for contingencies, inflation, etc). Fundraising will shortly be starting in earnest and VHC would welcome comment and suggestions from PC on how, and to what extent, PC feel they might best be able to provide support.

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