

SWANLAND VILLAGE HALL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 02017

The past year

He was pleased to be able to report that once again the hall had a successful year. Bookings of the hall had continued at a high level, from both residents of Swanland, and from elsewhere. The facilities of the hall were of a very high quality and continued to attract hirers to use what was probably the best public hall in the area.

The year had seen another increase in the number of wedding receptions being held in the hall. The excellent rooms and facilities provided an attractive and very reasonably priced venue for such events. Forward bookings for weddings were very encouraging.

The finances of the hall had continued to be satisfactory. There had been a net inflow of funds on unrestricted funds of £4,960 for the year. On restricted funds there had been a net outflow of funds of £891. This net outflow had been due to depreciation for the year on assets purchased in the past exceeding the net income for the year from the 100 Club which was the main source of restricted income. Expenditure on repairs and maintenance had amounted to £4703, which was significantly less than the £5384 expended in the previous year.

Reserves continued to be maintained at a satisfactory level and at 31 December 2016 these had amounted to £75,743. Cash balances at 31 December 2016 had amounted to a very satisfactory £58,670. He said that he was sure that those present would all agree that the hall was in an excellent state both physically and financially.

Board of trustees

During the year there had been several changes to the board of trustees.

Lee Sanderson (the parish council nominee) and Sheila Ireland were appointed on January 21, 2016 and Daniel Betts was appointed on February 5, 2016.

Daniel Betts retired on October 20, 2016.

In the new year Terry Phillips was appointed on May 1, 2017 and Neil Bowerman, Pauline Calam and Andrew Dibnah were appointed on June 29, 2017.

Lee, Sheila, Terry, Neil, Pauline and Andrew were all welcomed to the board of trustees.

He stated that he retired as Chair of the trustees on June 29, 2017 and was succeeded by Sheila Ireland. He stated that he would not be seeking re-election as a trustee today and would leave the board of trustees at the conclusion of this meeting.

Godfrey welcomed Sheila as the new Chair and wished her every success in her new role.

PV Panels

The PV panels on the roof of the hall, which had been installed during 2011, continued to generate sufficient electricity to significantly reduce the cost of the hall's electricity consumption. The sum of £1,199 had been received in Feed in Tariff during the year.

Working parties

The trustees had continued to hold regular working parties at which trustees and other volunteers carried out care and maintenance jobs on the hall. Volunteers were always welcome on these occasions.

The future

The hall was fortunate in having an enthusiastic and dedicated team of trustees who worked tirelessly for the good of the village hall and thus served the residents of the village.

The trustees would continue to manage the village hall for the benefit of all inhabitants of Swanland. They were always on the lookout for new trustees and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who felt that they would like to be considered for appointment as a trustee.