

CROWHURST VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No. 305011

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT for 2016 - 2017

The Village Hall is a registered charity managed in accordance with the Charity Commission's Trust Deed (originally set up in 1965) and other statutory legislation. The Charity's Trustees are the Management Committee members and they are solely responsible for the Hall, its operations and maintenance. The Management Committee, elected annually, is a transient body, thus any legal documentation such as deeds, leases etc. must be held by the Custodian Trustee (*a body corporate with perpetual succession*). In our case that is Crowhurst Parish Council.

Since the 2016 AGM the Management Committee has met 'face to face' and electronically on a number of occasions. Alongside the 'usual' matters discussed have been refurbishment or replacement of the Hall and the effects of a particular hirer's misuse of the field. This misuse led TDC to ban the use of the field in conjunction with hire of the Hall. Fortunately, we have been able to rebuild our previously good relationship with TDC and things are more or less back to normal. With regard to the refurbishment, John Young has had plans drawn up is dealing with the planning authorities. The Committee is keen to discover your views so come to the Village Hall AGM in May to tell us what you think.

In addition to the misuse of the field already mentioned, there was another unusual occurrence in the form of a break-in; this time the storage shed was the target. Nothing was taken but the perpetrator did leave a very unpleasant deposit. Fortunately the financial effect of these events was relatively minor for the Hall but TDC's ban on using the field resulted in cancellation of the Village Fete and a significant loss of income for St George's Church. As an aside, *you* may be bored with the growing number of elections but they are of some financial benefit to the Hall because TDC uses the building as a polling station for 16 hours each time.

The annual PAT testing and fire safety inspections have been completed and new matching china (cups & saucers, plates and mugs) along with stainless steel teaspoons purchased earlier in the year were instrumental in securing several hirings!

Treasurer Dave Woollacott will be presenting the year's accounts at our AGM whilst secretarial duties are still being shared between Committee members and others, including Carol who deals with bookings. The system continues to work well.

My thanks to my fellow Trustees and everyone who has helped to keep the Village Hall running smoothly during the last year despite the hiccoughs mentioned above.

Vic Din (Chairman)
for Crowhurst Village Hall Management Committee.

April 2016