

# **Report of the Village Hall Management Committee to Cheswick Green Parish Council October 2022**

## **Use of Hall**

Monday to Friday the large hall is in use each day and has only one morning slot available for use (Thursday). It is used every evening.

The small hall is less used Monday to Friday but again most evenings are in use.

On Saturday both halls are in use during the day time by our long time regular hirer Simone School of Dance who has used the hall for over 30 years.

Sunday daytime and evening and Saturday evening the halls are available for hire and are used by local residents for adult and children's parties.

A copy of the current schedule of use is attached.

A meeting with hall users had been conducted and for the future regular consultation with users will be carried out.

The Committee is looking at ways to encourage greater community use.

## **Condition of Hall**

Over the last two years much work has been carried out , including refurbishment of the toilets (paid for by Parish Council), complete redecoration, new windows and blinds and extensive work on the heating system to improve and update. The heating system is now controlled by a "Hive" system to ensure that it is used as economically as possible. New internal doors have been installed and new curtains are currently being sought. The floor in the main hall has been sanded and refinished.

LED lights have replaced the strip lights in both halls resulting in dramatic reduction in electricity consumption

Chairs and tables have been refurbished and where necessary new additional furniture has been purchased.

We now have a new cleaner who is maintains the hall to a high standard.

All fire and electrical equipment is up to date in respect of maintenance and certification.

The committee carries out monthly inspections of the hall and will maintain it in its present good condition.

The hall insurance is up to date.

## **Finance**

During the Covid lockdown the hall was not used and the Government provided grants to cover loss of income. This amounted to £33,604. This had resulted in the Committee having funds to manage future maintenance requirements and provides protection of income loss for some time to come.

A copy of the audited annual accounts for 2021/22 are attached.

It is pleasing to report that the Hall is in a strong financial position and with the treasurer having secured long term fixed price fuel contracts and will be able, at present, to weather the storm of high energy prices.

## Management Committee

Chair Peter Davidson

Treasurer Denise Swain

Secretary. Steve Hall

Members. Mick Swain, David Clifford, Chris Burrows