

BARROWDEN VILLAGE HALL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019 TO THE PARISH MEETING

The Village Hall is in good condition and the finances are sound. Refurbishment of decoration, floor and kitchen in 2018 has raised the quality of the building and seems to have had a benefit in bookings.

- Usage of the VH has been good with 220 bookings of the hall made in 2018 (180 in 2017), despite about 3 weeks of lost bookings time during the refurbishment programme.
- Hirings at £2518 was 8% down on 2017 probably because of time lost.
- The refurbishment referred to above was achieved at budget, paid for by a grant of £5800 from Augean. The VH secured a grant from Augean also for exercise equipment to be set on the Rec and that project is now complete, also at budget. However there were £938 of unrecoverable costs of contribution to the award managers for these two projects.

There continue to be longer term concerns about the fabric of the building, especially the roof, and work on replacement of the hall is proceeding following the report provided by FOCUS Consultants (funded mainly by a Grant from Awards for All/National Lottery).

The **Village Hall Committee** which is responsible for use, operation & maintenance of the hall itself includes: Bill Lockwood, Brian Edwards, Valerie Fraser, Kate Haddon, Carol Harding, Rita Headley Waudby, Ann Hillier and John Haddon.

The VH Committee has decided to become more active in running its own events in the interests of the Community and for fundraising purposes.

The **Village Hall Development Group** developing facilities to replace the Village Hall when it is taken out of use is lead by Brian Edwards and has made good progress. In 2018, the income and expenditure is accounted within the total VH accounts.

Financial Summary 2018 (not yet approved)

A total of £1737 was received in donations and we are grateful to several sources for these. We also gained £1145 from proceeds of events run by the Village Hall Committee.

Total Income was £11278 and **Expenditure** was £19580 for the Village Hall, including £8625 on the new VH Development project from VH DG funds. These sums are much greater than previously, because of the extent of funding received and applied in 2017 & 2018.

The key data on financial assets are given overleaf.

FINANCIAL ASSETS

Bank accounts & cash:		Village Hall	+	VHDG
Current account	Balance at 31/12/18	£3145		£682
Cash in hand		£254		
	Subtotal	£3399	+	£682
Deposit account		£103		
COIF		£312		
	Total financial assets	£3814	+	£682

We intend to maintain a reserve of £4000 for the Village Hall but are short of that amount at year end which we will need to recoup at the start of 2019.

John Haddon

Chairman