

Hartlebury Parish Hall Management Committee Meeting 20 January 2016

Summary:

The refurbishment of the Parish Hall and employment of a bar steward have already generated greater interest from individuals, groups and organisations in the locality and further afield who want to book the facility.

The finances are healthy and improving so the Committee are keen to progress the next phase of the refurbishment by seeking bids from contractors to do the work, which will include a patio at the rear of the premises. This will dovetail with the work the Council is considering for the area adjacent to the hall.

The previous Booking Secretary has resigned but a local resident, Margaret Higson, who has done the job before, has agreed to take it on again.

Hall fund raising events such as 'Shindig' have not attracted the attendance hoped for so the Committee is considering whether it should cease any further attempts to generate funds and simply rely on bookings to earn income. However an event is being considered in the summer that can attract a wider audience, an Abba tribute band. It is hoped that once all the work to the hall and immediately surrounding area is complete a summer event would be a good way to celebrate the completion and introduce a wider audience to the facilities that are available.

The football team, Torton Turds, have not been able to play several fixtures due to the inclement weather and the poor drainage of the pitch at Hartlebury. The Committee wondered whether drainage could be included in the plans being considered by the Council as part of the improvement work around the hall.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed. The next meeting is on 17 February 2016.