

Culworth Annual Parish Assembly – 27th April 2021

Village Hall Report

The Coronavirus, Covid-19 has had a profound effect on the Village Hall year. There have been no classes, coffee and chat, monthly cafes, Snappers photography groups, meetings or gatherings in the Hall from mid March 2020. We hope to open up again on 17th May. We briefly opened the Hall on November 2nd last year having carried out all the necessary risk assessments, cleaning and sanitising only to close it again on November 5th when we went into lockdown again. Village Hall meetings have been held via Zoom. Our last film night was on 7th March 2020, showing the film Judy, when the 54 attendees did not know how much we were going to be affected. We hope to resume the film nights this summer, fingers crossed. Financially, we have had no income from hirings and have still had to find funds to keep the Hall in good working order – new fire doors will be installed before we open up again. Fortunately we were eligible for the small business grant offered by the Government.

Charlie Timmins joined the Committee in May 2020 as a Trustee. June Oxley resigned as Secretary in November but stayed on as Bookings Clerk and Sarah Powell took up the role of Secretary. All other Trustees and officers remained – the AGM was postponed until further notice.

Since the last Parish Assembly work has continued on the new community building project although finding the necessary funding has been difficult due to funders closing their doors to new projects for the time being. We are hoping as things get better that funding opportunities will open up again.

The Village Hall Committee had fixed a date last year for a Public Meeting to gain village consent to sell the current Village Hall site conditional on the new community building being finished and operational. However, this was cancelled due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus and the restrictions imposed on gatherings. We have recently made a new provisional date of 3rd July for this meeting.

The Committee agreed not to increase the hiring rates for the Hall this year. The Hall remains a popular, well- appointed venue and an asset to the community.

Julie Tinn

Culworth Village Hall Trustees