

Mears Ashby Village Hall Committee

Report for Annual Village Meeting 25th March 2019

I am Lorna Bell and I was elected Chairman of the Committee on 4th March 2019 at the AGM.

The first part of this report summarises the 2018 Annual Report submitted to the AGM by the Committee's then Chairman, Paul Dunphy.

'The primary focus was in the application for Wellingborough Borough Council funding for capital improvements. After many months I am delighted to announce our bid for £17,000 was successful. The award is conditional upon the Village hall Committee itself contributing £1500 and in addition a further £1500 will be donated by Mears Ashby Parish Council'.

'The Committee canvassed regular users and the local community on ideas to enhance the facility. This process culminated in a range of capital repairs and improvements, that once costed, formed the basis of the £20,000 bid. We are now appointing a project manager along with a co-ordinator who will prioritise the order of, and oversee, the works'.

'Village Hall funds have increased by £2.500 over the past year through the continued support of 10 regular users as well as careful monitoring of expenses'.

My Report

At the AGM on 4th March Paul Dunphy (Chairman) and Kate Payne (Secretary) resigned. John Napier was happy to continue as Treasurer and Bookings Secretary. Lorna Bell was elected Chairman, John Stamp was elected Secretary. Existing representatives were re-appointed to the Committee, including, Carolyn Napier, PCC rep; Nick Wookey, Parish Council rep; Roger Ellingham Wanderers table tennis rep; Gill Clough Moulton and Over 50s Table tennis rep. New members, representing other regular users were also appointed. These include, Barrie Macey, First Saturday Coffee morning rep; Mike Taylor, Youth Club rep and Mel Henson, Yoga rep.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the previous committee for all the work they have done. Our thanks go particularly to Paul Dunphy and Kate Payne who have worked tirelessly for the committee over many years and have been very helpful to myself and John Stamp in taking over their roles. We would also like to thank John Napier for all the work he has done for the Committee over many years and for his support and commitment to ensuring that we are fully briefed to continue the work of the Committee.

Our immediate focus this year is to appoint a project manager, to prioritise the work that needs to be done in the Village Hall and to get that work done.

Lorna Bell

Chairman, Mears Ashby Village Hall Committee