

## **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

### **WELTON VILLAGE HALL AGM 2021**

Clearly the last year has been dominated by the Covid 19 pandemic. As a public community building we were one of the first to be closed by the lockdown in March 2020, and have not really been able to conduct our normal business since then. We were able to open briefly in the late summer of 2020 but the second and third lockdowns of November and December meant none of the usual community activities could take place until late April this year. Whilst we are getting back some activities with the various restrictions it is unlikely we shall be able to fully operate until September.

However, I think we have made some great strides in understanding how to operate in these circumstances and get ready for the future and we welcome Jules and Steve as latest additions to our team.

We engaged with Northants ACRE and have taken advice from them and others to ensure what steps we needed to make to be ready for reopening. In the first instance we replaced all the soap dispensers, put paper towels in the kitchen and toilets plus installed sanitizer units in the entrance, hallway, main hall and committee room. We have changed our cleaning routine and put appropriate signage about social distancing and track and trace. Every group has to complete a Risk Assessment to ensure they follow the latest guidelines and the Hall has to be clean and tidy and sanitized for the next users.

The introduction of Maria Carter as our new cleaner has made a difference to the hall plus David Brown and Carol Bertozzi continue to maintain the garden and flowers which certainly makes the frontage brighter. We are also grateful for the Parish Council for arranging to trim the trees overhanging the back fence and carpark. This will help to prevent the build-up of leaves in the Autumn and help bring more light into the hall.

A significant development has been the take up of the hall by AGEUK who were looking for new premises to run their support groups for elderly and infirm clients. As we now know these are often people who very rarely get out of their own home and AGEUK provide a safe environment for them to mix socially, play games and have a meal together. As this was a Government Approved Support Scheme, and we were in a position to offer the Village Hall as a Covid secure venue, AGEUK have been able to use the Hall for two or at times three days per week since September and this is going to continue. I would like to thank everyone of the committee who has contributed to the discussions relating to the AGEUK debate. I understand the need for explore all alternatives to maintain revenues yet keep the hall available for Welton Community activities.

As mentioned in previous years, our storage has continued to be a challenge especially trying to accommodate the bulky items, with additional equipment for example we have over 100 chairs to keep for the larger events. Therefore it is pleasing we shall be able to proceed with the project to change the layout of the disabled, mens and ladies toilets to improve facilities but also create some additional storage space. This project should be completed in August and will require the Hall and car park to be closed for 4 weeks. The cost of the project is going to be £18,000 and again I am grateful for everyones efforts during this protracted planning phase, and then Caroline Hickman to push the fundraising options for donations to the project. We should be very pleased to have such success with approximately £1000 received from the Village and User groups. We should also run other fundraising efforts during the rest of the year to top the funds up but we have been very fortunate to also received some funding from West Northamptonshire as part of the Covid restart grants.

Separately we have signed with Gigaclear to have a community Wifi hub in the building which should be useful for some users.

Clearly, an odd year, and we look forward to getting back to full swing and to continue to be the hub of the community as soon as possible.

Duncan Webber (Chairman) June 2021

**Welton Northamptonshire Village Hall 2013**  
**Income and Expenditure Account 2020/21**

		B/fwd	April	2020	May	2020	June	2020	July	2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March	2021	YTD								
			April		May		June		July		August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March										
<b>Income</b>																												
	Rentals			£199.50		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£371.00		£243.00		£673.50		£677.50		£480.00		£0.00		£650.00		£3,294.50
	Donations			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£2.50		£0.00		£209.00		£211.50
	Grants			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£1,334.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£1,334.00
	Fundraising			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00
	Meters			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£116.00		£0.00		£70.00		£50.00		£57.00		£293.00		£293.00
	Dividends & Interest			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00
	Others			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£10,000.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£10,000.00
	<b>Total Income</b>			<b>£199.50</b>		<b>£0.00</b>		<b>£0.00</b>		<b>£10,000.00</b>		<b>£0.00</b>		<b>£371.00</b>		<b>£243.00</b>		<b>£789.50</b>		<b>£2,011.50</b>		<b>£552.50</b>		<b>£50.00</b>		<b>£916.00</b>		<b>£15,133.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>																												
	Cleaner			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£575.00		£115.00		£230.00		£168.00		£192.00		£120.00		£96.00		£108.00		£144.00		£1,748.00
	Maintenance / Cleaning Materials			£0.00		£307.28		£14.05		£556.79		£40.00		£31.98		£44.55		£220.30		£0.00		£0.00		£150.00		£0.00		£1,364.95
	Capital Improvements			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00
	Mobile Phone			£5.00		£0.00		£10.00		£5.00		£5.00		£5.00		£5.00		£10.00		£5.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£50.00
	Equipment			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00
	Electricity			£91.00		£91.00		£91.00		£91.00		£91.00		£91.00		£91.00		£140.00		£140.00		£140.00		£140.00		£140.00		£1,288.00
	Water			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00
	Insurance			£2.99		£2.99		£2.99		£2.99		£2.99		£2.99		£2.99		£2.99		£0.00		£5.98		£2.99		£684.24		£717.13
	Other			£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£6.00		£30.65		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£125.00		£39.50		£0.00		£0.00		£201.15
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>£98.99</b>		<b>£401.27</b>		<b>£118.04</b>		<b>£1,236.78</b>		<b>£284.64</b>		<b>£360.97</b>		<b>£311.54</b>		<b>£516.29</b>		<b>£390.00</b>		<b>£281.48</b>		<b>£400.99</b>		<b>£968.24</b>		<b>£5,369.23</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>				<b>£100.51</b>		<b>-£401.27</b>		<b>-£118.04</b>		<b>£8,763.22</b>		<b>-£284.64</b>		<b>£10.03</b>		<b>-£68.54</b>		<b>£273.21</b>		<b>£1,621.50</b>		<b>£271.02</b>		<b>-£350.99</b>		<b>-£52.24</b>		<b>£9,763.77</b>

<u>Balance Sheet as at</u>		B/fwd	April	2020	May	2020	June	2020	July	2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March	2021							
Accumulated Reserves Brought Forward				£166,398.70		£166,499.21		£166,097.94		£165,979.90		£174,743.12		£174,458.48		£174,468.51		£174,399.97		£174,673.18		£176,294.68		£176,565.70		£176,214.71
Net Income / Expenditure Year to Date				£100.51		-£401.27		-£118.04		£8,763.22		-£284.64		£10.03		-£68.54		£273.21		£1,621.50		£271.02		-£350.99		-£52.24
Accumulated Reserves Carried Forward				£166,499.21		£166,097.94		£165,979.90		£174,743.12		£174,458.48		£174,468.51		£174,399.97		£174,673.18		£176,294.68		£176,565.70		£176,214.71		£176,162.47
<u>Represented by:</u>																										
	Current Account	£16,398.70		£16,499.21		£16,097.94		£15,979.90		£24,743.12		£24,458.48		£24,468.51		£24,399.97		£24,673.18		£26,294.68		£26,565.70		£26,214.71		£26,162.47
	Cash	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00
	Land and buildings	£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00		£150,000.00
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