

## **CHAIR'S REPORT – SHAPWICK VILLAGE HALL AGM - 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

Following the period of post pandemic consolidation, as reported last year, 2023 has been a more positive and active period. Important external influences have included the purchase of the Village Green, from the Vestey Estate, by the Parish Council and the establishment of a community group that acts as something akin to a sub-committee to the Parish Council. Such influences are helping to re-build interest within the village and led to the founding of a new and successful Shapwick History Group that meets at the Village Hall. The concept of the Roving Supper has also re-started after a break of about seven years or so. Such steps are signs of consigning our post pandemic blues to the past.

Activity levels and modest levels of income appear to be increasing and this is essential as all takes place within a national background of high inflation, significant rises to the cost of living and high energy prices. Concurrently a major significant response spearheaded by Bridget has been to launch a fund-raising campaign. The objective is to extend the hall's kitchen therefore enabling greater support to existing and future village hall activities. Linked to this is a requirement to renew the floor plan to the ablutions area while seizing an opportunity to update the front of house and bring it in line with the earlier refurbishment of the hall itself.

Progress with fund-raising and architectural plans are such that project management meetings are now required. This work needs to go on and be unhindered by the normal work of the Village Hall Committee. The development of a new kitchen, lavatories and welcome area will be a significant addition to the Village Hall's offer and will encourage bookings as well as its overall utility. An important step in delivering funds is proving the ownership of the hall, to our funders, by the registered charity (The Village Hall (Shapwick), 232833). The application to the Land Registry is a priority. In addition, because of income received by the charity in year, income has risen above the Charity Commission's £25k threshold means that our annual accounts will need verification by authorised accountants. Subsequently, and as a part of our annual report that is due to be with the Charity Commission in early Spring, their report should be an integral part of our own when submitted.

The success in purchasing the Village Green is now leading to questions about its management and oversight. Significant issues include: common boundaries; use of the car park and its dedicated use by the hirer; avoiding clashes of interest; co-ordinating bookings; and, use of facilities. With respect to boundaries the Parish Council are registering their new asset with the Land Registry. This should make registration of the Village Hall more straightforward.

It has been a particularly busy year for Bridget. All committee members will wish to thank her for the initiative and hard work that has led us to our current position with funders, plans and administration. Other committee members and volunteers continue to contribute in terrific ways. Our role is to provide and maintain the village hall for the use of Parish inhabitants, as well as the neighbourhood, with the object of improving the conditions of life for those within that community. The Village Hall continues to play a significant role in village life. The silent majority are extremely grateful for all that continues to be done and will be done to enhance that position.

## SHAPWICK VILLAGE HALL

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

#### CURRENT ACCOUNT

INCOME	2022/2023 - £	2021/2022 - £
Regular hall hire	1,365	612
Occasional hall hire	877	562
Donations	1,682	1957
Fundraising	2,365	442
Grants	27,160	0
100 Club	696	0
Services refund	0	72
Totals	34,145	3,645
Income less grants	6,985	

EXPENDITURE	2022/2023 - £	2021/2022 - £
Electricity	2,072	1,319
Water rates	293	297
Insurance	818	772
Licenses	70	70
Cleaning wages	105	43
Cleaning materials	72	0
Fundraising	13	0
Printing, postage & stationery	14	11
Gifts of thanks	0	0
Equipment	0	0
Repairs & renewals	111	392
Refurbishment	0	0
Subs & publications	40	40
Sundries	0	0
100 Club	94	0
Totals	3,702	2,944

Surplus for the year	£30,442	£701
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Reserve Account holding the grants	£27,160	
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Actual operating surplus for the year	£3,263	
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

The Village Hall (Shapwick)

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 June 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

232833

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*Sue Williams*

Date:

19 August 2024

Name:

Sue Williams

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qualification(s) or body  
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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**