
Barnetby Village Hall Trustee Report to the Annual Meeting of the Parish 13 June 2023

For those of you who are new to the village and the parish council. The Barnetby Village Hall Committee is a charity and is run by a small number of volunteer trustees who are responsible for the day to day running and maintenance of the village hall. This is made up of a management committee (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) and we also invite and encourage representation from the groups who regularly use the village hall.

Over the period of the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns we tried as much as possible to continue with the maintenance and repair of the village hall within the restrictions that were set by the government. During that period we took advice from ACRE and the VH was closed to all users. We are now in a position where we can say that the regular village hall bookings are back up to pre pandemic levels.

We have in the past 2 years received grants both from North Lincolnshire Council and been a co-op community champion. We are using this money to fund a repair cafe and also to ensure that we do not for the moment have to increase our hourly fees. Our income has matched our day to day expenditure however in the last financial year we have had some outlay to install a new kitchen door, resolve some electrical, air con and alarm issues (because everything is of a certain age). We were very fortunate to secure a fixed term contract with Drax for our electricity costs until March 2026.

Our biggest expenditure is going to be within this next financial year when we hope to replace the village hall roof. Quotes are now with Andrew Percy's office and we are hoping to secure funding and grants towards this. The committee will also have to undertake some fund raising activities as their contribution to the replacement roof and also the refurbishment of the floor.

The committee has in the past year lost a couple of valuable and long standing members who have decided to move on. However with the limited number of trustees it does put constraints and pressure on what activities the committee themselves can arrange. We do need new and (dare I say it) younger members to help take the village hall into the future and we'll be recruiting at our next annual meeting (September / October) but if anyone here requires any more information please talk to me later.

We also look forward to working in partnership with the Parish Council to ensure the success of the Village Hall as a hub of the community.
