

## Cotton Village Hall Committee

AGM Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 7.30pm

### Chairman's report

May 2017 - May 2018

### Summary

Another year has passed and i am pleased to report that as a committee we had another successful year in the running of our village hall. Bookings and usage of our hall continues at a steady rate with no notable decrease in cash flow despite losing a couple of regular groups due the ceasing of their activities, our main regular bookings are the Community Circle café, Zumba and Bingo with good uptake of the usual christenings, birthday parties and other celebrations.

### Developments

No major developments to report in the last year- our facilities remain in a sound state despite a momentary lapse from our cleaning providers and a freak rodent finding his way into the hall in the depths of winter. The upkeep of the fields has been exemplary thanks to the Parish council selecting Andrew Collins as contractor for this task, this saw our fields and play equipment used to its full potential by many villagers and passers-by. One of the six Jubilee trees failed and was replaced by the parish council this last year and at the moment are putting on an excellent show. Bacton utd youth teams have had a trail year using the scout hut facilities instead of our own citing that as a Bacton club the matches should be held in their parish, they have however continued to mow and maintain the pitch with the possibility of returning for the 2018-19 season.

### Targets

Last year our brief going forward was that we as a committee will look to provide a well maintained accessible public building, we had asked for enough donations and have put on numerous fund-raising events in the past and therefore we agreed 2017-18 to be a quiet but stable one.

We also stated that we would no longer be putting on the volume of events as previously held due to the limited time commitments and health of the committee; however, we welcomed the use of the building by other village organisations and as yet I have only had a few individuals ask for contact details so that they could put on their own village events and functions but as yet nothing has materialised.

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Chairman's report (continued)

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We added Matthew Rayner to our committee and his fresh pair of eyes and enthusiasm for all things technological has been a blessing we do accept that all being well university beckons for this bright young man so we understand if he wishes to stand down from his duties until his return (with Honours).

At this time last year we hoped new faces would come forth to the committee as we are a small band who would benefit from another pair of hands to lighten the load, unfortunately no one else stood for the position of chairman so I agreed to fill the vacated seat.

A word from the Chair

Personally by own circumstance has changed dramatically in the last year, Having a second son born in the October neither myself or my wife could have expected what we had to deal with. A few physical issues made for a very difficult first few months of this small boy's life with numerous operations, hospital follow up appointments and his continued treatment for the next 4 years has limited most of my energy. Combining this with continued pressures in my work I now lead 3 departments from the original one which I was hired for, I am often travelling the country or regularly visiting the capital, my time is stretched to say the least and Something must give...

At this point I will stand down as an officer and committee member and wish you all well for the future, I thank you all for your efforts over the almost 10 years I have served on this committee but it's time for someone who has the time and energy to drive this once great committee forward.

Kindest regards,

James Collins

Cotton Village Hall (Acting Chairman)