

# Walberswick Village Hall Management Committee

## Chairman's Report

### 2020 and 2021

Because of the Covid 19 Pandemic and the consequent closure of the Village Hall from March 2020 until August 2021 this Report covers the 2 years firstly to April 2020 and then to April 2021

### April 2020

#### Premises and equipment

Dampness in the front storeroom was investigated further and measures taken to try to resolve this. The problem is being monitored

Village Hall Car Park resurfacing is being kept on hold since there is still an occasional problem of flooding of the tarmac area after exceptional heavy rainfalls

The rainwater soakaways have been cleaned out by a specialist company and flooding problem has been reduced but still not eliminated. The extent and frequency is being monitored and any further remedial work considered.

Improved cleaning fluid is being applied to the wooden floor of the Hall to maintain it's good condition

The panelling at the front of the Stage has been replaced

#### Fund Raising

August 2019 Bingo Sessions raised a profit of £2,465

The Village Fete net proportion of proceeds was £7,100

Further amounts were raised by a touring company's production of "A Christmas Carol" in December, and a production of "Sweeney Todd" in February 2020

#### Personnel

David Neeves joined the Committee in January 2020

The Pandemic restrictions nation-wide forced closure of the Hall in March 2020

### April 2021

The Hall remained closed throughout the year April 2020 through April 2021

No full meetings of the Committee could be held during this time, so management of the Hall's affairs was overseen by a "Covid Steering Group" of the Chair, Vice Chair, Hon Secretary and Treasurer.

Meetings of this Group took place as follows to review if and when the Hall could be safely reopened.

**26 June 2020** When it was decided that the Post Office service once a week could restart as from 9 July 2020 subject to Covid precautionary measures being taken.

**29 July 2020** Partial reopening as from 8<sup>th</sup> September was agreed but this was then prevented due to restrictions re-imposed 2 days after the meeting

**7 September 2020** Reopening was agreed as from October 2020 unless there was any further change in National Restrictions

**9 October 2020** Requests from 3 organisations to use the Hall had to be refused for health risk and economic reasons due to rising infections. It was agreed that we should be ready to re-open when permitted and should plan some form of reception to welcome people who were moving into the village during the lockdown

**30 March 2021** A Chairman's verbal and a Treasurer's reports were presented in the absence of a full AGM

Bookings were now being taken for September 2021