

ANNUAL REPORT TO RINGSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

18th MAY, 2021

The last Ringshall Village Hall Annual General Meeting took place on 19th November, 2019. From March, 2020 the village hall was closed because of government guidelines re COVID-19.

The present committee is as follows:
Brian Robertson, Liz Hitchcock (Joint Chairpersons); Maureen Wills (Hon. Secretary); John Wills (Treasurer); Julie Smith, Robert Stainer, Amanda Jones, Robert Johnson and Sue Watts.
Liz Hitchcock is representative for Ringshall Parish Council.

Jackie Barnard remains as Booking Clerk.
David Ford remains as Auditor.

A copy of the Accounts was submitted by the treasurer to Ringshall Parish Council in October, 2020.

There is a reserve of £26,208-80 as at 30th September, 2020. This figure includes Mid Suffolk County Council grants which came to £13,818. The aforementioned figures ensure the continued operation of the village hall.

Once again by assiduous attention to costs we have managed to keep adequate financial return in relation to outlay.

Hopefully, when controlled indoor events can take place from 17th May, 2021 the village hall will once again be well supported by the various clubs, and prove a popular venue for parties and receptions.

In accordance with government guidelines, some outdoor events will have already commenced by 17th May.

Hirers of the village hall (clubs/parties, etc) will be responsible for thoroughly cleaning/sanitizing the premises before activities commence. Before exiting the building only a normal clean and tidy up will be necessary.

The village hall premises were thoroughly cleaned and sanitized by members of the management committee on Saturday, 1st May, 2021.

The sewage treatment plant has featured prominently with the management committee over the last twelve months. Having shared a water treatment plant with the local school for 25 years, we were informed by Mr. Peter Mumford, Schools Planning Manager that a shared water treatment system was no longer to continue.

Ringshall Village Hall now has its own water treatment plant. Project organised by Ringshall Parish Council, installation undertaken by the firm Binders. Work began on 1st March, 2021, completed on Friday, 5th March, 2021.

Small goal post on playing field Grant of £1,000 from parish council; Grant of £1,000 from locality budget of District Councillor Dan Pratt; Grant of £1,000 from locality budget of County Councillor Kay Oakes. Grant from Charitable Trust of Geoffrey Burton.

Football The playing field is now used on both Saturday and Sunday for matches.

It must be stated, that anyone wishing to use the playing field for commercial purposes, should first consult the management committee.

Barclays Bank Barclays Bank intends to close their Stowmarket Branch in the very near future. Banking will then be done at the mobile Post Office which is sited at the former Naafi car park, on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

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The exterior of the village hall was repainted last September by Julie Smith, and Robert Johnson.

With the reopening of the village hall, the premises will continue to be cleaned on a weekly basis by willing committee members, also Brenda Robertson.

Thanks to Brian Robertson, Robert Stainer, Andy Farrow, Nigel Slater and Robert Johnson who regularly mow the playing field.

For keeping the hedges cut, and the centre flower bed in neat order, thanks go to Liz and Guy Hitchcock of Chapel Farm.

The management committee would like to extend their appreciation to Ringshall Parish Council for their £1,000 donation towards village hall funds; also for the monetary support which enabled the village hall to have its own water treatment plant.

Finally, the management committee would like to thank everyone who loyally supports Ringshall Village Hall.

Maureen Wills,
Hon. Secretary, RVHMC.
18th May, 2021.