

Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Annual Report period 2017 to 2018

The Village Hall Management Committee has a membership of 10.

Co-opted Members include: Carol Powell (Chair) Julie Powell (Treasurer), Dolly Howes (Booking Clerk), Stephen Read, Ron Phippen and Chris Brown.

Regular User Reps: Kate Emerson (Thurton PC), Angie Broadberry (Church), Marie Taylor (WI). Gemma Bernau (Pre School).

It is with sad regret I need to inform you that our last chairman Richard Taylor passed away in July 2017. He is sadly missed.

The hall and playing field is used regularly by the pre-school and church youth groups along with other organisations/activity groups on a private hire basis. Unfortunately, the playing field is not used sufficiently by sporting groups; grass cutting for the year cost £650. It is hoped to reduce the price in future.

The Village Hall is struggling to succeed financially. The Committee is grateful to Thurton Parish Council for a £500 'Lets subsidy' which has helped to keep the Village Hall afloat.

The committee has undertaken a review of associated spend with the view of added efficiency and cost saving. Certain actions have been taken and will continue.

The committee is grateful to Chris Brown for carrying out minor essential minor maintenance works voluntarily. This results in a cost saving for the hall.

A grant funding of £2,000 from Tesco Bags of Help has been awarded and must be used before July 2018, the committee plan to use this funding to replace part of the kitchen.

The 100 Club – pays out a prize of £35 per month with a £120 super-draw in November. The additional money raised from this, committee fund raising and cost savings has helped to keep the Village Hall viable.

The committee has created a facebook page for the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall to widen the scope of accessibility to our Information/Communication and News.

A July Safety Inspection considered the Play Park to be of medium risk.

A committee of mothers met in October 2017 to start a group/project to update/improve the play park area which is called Ashby & Thurton Playground Project. This group uses the Village Hall charity number and gift aid to access relevant grants etc. The village hall committee continue to support this group in various ways.

Laura Vaissiere and Jayne Casey came to a committee meeting to explain what and how they plan to raise money by various fundraising events, grants, donations, gift aid etc., some of these have already taken place and questionnaires have been posted around the village asking people for their views. The money collected will be added to the PARP balance.

The Village Hall Committee continue to carry out necessary maintenance within the park area on a rota basis. It is noted that both the Drive and Car Park are in need of repair.

Fund Raising Events 2017:

1. March Sausage & Mash Evening
2. May Auto Jumble stall
3. September Fish & Chip Supper with Quiz.

All functions were well organised and were much enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Ashby & Thurton Parish Councils have been asked to continue to add Village Hall information to their respective web-sites.

The Village Hall is short of funds for maintenance and it is possible that hire charges will have to be increased in the future.

Members of the Village Hall Committee are thanked for their commitment to the Village Hall.

Carol Powell
Chair
April 2018