

Village Hall request to Parish Council for annual grant to be resumed

The Village Hall Committee would like to respectfully request that an annual grant of £500 a year or funding of WiFi be considered by the Parish Council.

In the years 2006-12 an annual grant of £500- £800 was given to the Village Hall followed by a contribution towards the replacement of the dormer windows in 2012/13. We were very grateful for this as it contributed towards our maintenance costs but then it ceased.

The Village Hall is a not for profit organisation and a registered charity, The Committee have worked tirelessly over the last ten years to restore this hall back from a dilapidated state and an uncertain future, and continue to do so. The Hall is now a valuable community resource which is used to host a wide range of events and activities and used by many local residents for private events such as celebrations.

We are providing:

- A base for a Seniors Lunch Club free of charge
- Reduced hiring rates for the Parish Council , WI and Residents Group
- Housing and maintenance checks for one of the Parish defibrillators
- Low booking rates and discounts for local residents
- A thriving Film Society benefitting members of the community not wanting to go further afield

We continue to do this despite rises in the cost of energy, maintenance, cleaning and community tax. The continued success of the hall has resulted in an increase in the amount of work the committee are having to undertake.

To further enhance the facilities available we would like to install WiFi which would benefit the Parish Council as well as other organisations. The cost would be in the region of £25 a month plus a further £12.25 for a TV license which would be a requirement. There would be a one off £100 installation fee.

We would like to ask the Parish Council to support the Village Hall in funding this additional facility.

“The Government recognises that village halls, community centres and other charities that provide space and facilities for community services and activities can make an enormous difference to the well being of their communities.

These charities are an extremely important resource with a crucial role to play, not only in the economic and social regeneration of their local communities, but also in their contribution toward the Government’s Civil Renewal Agenda”

Charity Commission