

## **Village Hall Report for 2017 Annual Parish Meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The village hall constitution came into effect in April last year. We are now a C.I.O (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). The hall is flourishing and is financially secure. During the past year, we have been working on the physical state of the building.

The interior was beginning to look a bit worn, so the walls and ceiling are being redecorated. A new cupboard in the lobby will help to relieve storage problems.

The big news is that the old and potentially dangerous wall in the car park has been taken down and the ground levelled and made safe for parking.

Most of the income from the hall comes from lettings and most of those come through the website. Thanks to Maggie Rawcliffe for running that side of things so successfully.

The village hall committee takes responsibility for running the annual fête. Other local events held in the hall are the Halloween and Christmas parties, and in March we had a concert from a jazz duo.

It would be within our remit (see the new Constitution) to give help to local causes. St Laurence Church received a contribution from the profits of the fête and the committee has agreed to be open to other suggestions, always provided that a sufficient amount is kept in the bank to cover any needs for the maintenance of the hall itself.

We have recruited Louisa Nahaas as a new committee member, so the committee now consists of: Peter Rawcliffe (chair), Maggie Rawcliffe (bookings secretary), Ann Allsworth (treasurer), Linda Slater (secretary) and Louisa Nahaas.

In all, this has been a very successful year.