

	<p>On the debit side we were unhappy to say the least to lose The Star. A village with no pub loses a social centerpiece, however the Village Hall and the Sportsfield have taken on the role.</p> <p>Nothing remains but to wish you as a Parish Council the best of luck in your work to retain the rural aspects of village life.</p>	
2.	<p>VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT.</p> <p>Paul West, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, gave the following report:-</p> <p>We continue to have regular hall users providing rental income and in the year to December 2018 this totalled £1,932, a 28% like for like increase on the previous year. This is in part due to a slight increase in hall rental fees, but mainly the result of additional hiring. During 2018 we welcomed a karate club who use the hall on Friday evenings and who extended their booking in 2019 to include Tai Chi, and this month we have seen the start-up of the weekly carpet bowls. Sadly, the toddler group disbanded in April 2019 due to lack of leadership, we remain hopeful someone will come forward in the future to restart the group. Other regular users are the bridge club, church, Monday Club, Daisy Circle and a host of individuals and groups who use the hall for social events and meetings. The running costs were marginally higher than rental income with the largest costs being heating oil, electricity, insurance and cleaning. With no repairs required in 2018 the cash balance at December 2018 increased to £7,198.</p> <p>The Village Hall Committee continues to organise one fundraising event a year and in April 2019 we held a very successful Spring supper which resulted in net proceeds of £677. We also applied to Stansted Community Trust to replenish crockery and cutlery and to replace broken tables and are grateful for their £500 grant. We are also very grateful to a resident who has made a £500 donation which will allow us to replace the cooker.</p> <p>During the year The Village Hall Committee considered the long-term future of the village hall. Whilst it remains in good condition, it is recognised as it approaches its 100th birthday that it is reaching the end of its useful life and we have to start to make plans now if we are to retain a village hall facility for the community. As chairman of the village hall I produced a paper which outlined a proposal to build a new village hall on the sports field, this would replace both the sports field pavilion and the current village hall. This proposal has been discussed with Sports Field Committee and has their full support and I have also met and discussed the plans with Richard Matthews who is equally as supportive. This is not something that will happen quickly and it make take us between five and ten years to reach our goal, however I hope that in the coming year and with the full support of this Parish Council we will be able to move forward with the plans.</p>	
3.	<p>SPORTSFIELD REPORT.</p> <p>Chairman of the Sportsfield Committee gave the following report:-</p> <p>It has been an incredibly busy year with several events and pop-up pub. There is £10k in the accounts which is being used to mend and make do with current facilities. There is major refurbishment taking place inside and gardening. The biggest event was the fete which raised over £1k. There are many events forecast for the year.</p>	
4.	<p>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.</p> <p>The Chairman enquired as to who manages the village website and how it is updated. The previous Chairman advised that the person who currently runs it wants to stand down. Chairman and previous Chairman to liaise over website.</p>	

5.	OPEN MEETING FOR PARISHIONERS TO RAISE RELEVANT MATTERS. The Chairman of the Sportsfield Committee enquired what would happen regarding bills being paid for the Sportsfield now that the Parish Council were taking over the full costs. Agreed all bills should be sent to the Clerk for payment. There was concern raised by residents over a property in Old Croft Close where the occupiers were using it to run a vehicle maintenance business. It was also noted that a removal company was also registered at the address. The Chairman had met with CHP and the previous Chairman who could see no fault. Residents to meet on site with Chairman who agreed to speak to CCC and investigate the matter. She suggested sending out the Wardens to look at what was going on at the property.	
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