

Acting Chairman's Report
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday October 14th 2020

A new committee of 7 trustees was elected at the last AGM in April 2019. The following August our Chairman resigned and I, as Vice Chair, stepped in as Acting Chairman.

At the beginning of May a grand refurbishment of the Hall was agreed between the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) and the Stubton Social Club Committee (SSCM). Over the following months a new kitchen, flooring, soft furnishings, furniture, lighting and redecoration took place. A number of members from both committees played a large part in this project. A landscaping project to the side and front of the Hall was also undertaken by Lyn Crooks to enhance the look of our newly refurbished Village Hall. A well supported grand re-opening took place in October. Very positive feedback from many organisation that hired the Hall over the following few months was received.

Lockdown came just a few months later. The Hall was regularly checked during this time to ensure there were no problems; although the Government eased lockdown slightly and gave the go ahead on 4th July for certain places to re-open, the Hall included, the committee decided that it didn't feel confident to re-open in a safe manner.

The Trustees felt that, after further easing of lockdown restrictions, by early October we could re-open and be Covid-19 Secure; this entailed new signage, having a one way system, providing hand sanitizer stations, track & trace information, temperature checks on entry, face masks to be worn when food and drink were not being consumed, limiting capacity to 40, social distancing, one person standing at the bar at any one time and contactless payments wherever possible. However, this wasn't to be as more national restrictions were imposed on 24th September, which meant we had to change our plans yet again.

It is uncertain as to when the Hall will be able to be used to hold the functions we are all familiar with; in the meantime, please bare with us and be assured that, as and when we are able, we will reopen in a way that you will feel safe in the knowledge that we have done everything necessary to be COVID-19 Secure.

Catherine Senior
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