

Report of the Management Committee of Tibberton Parish Hall 2023

The 'old' Parish Hall is managed by the Tibberton Parish Hall Management Committee (TPHMC), who are the Trustees of the Charity which 'owns' both the hall and the land. As such the TPHMC are governed by the rules of the Charity Commission and in particular by the Objectives of the Tibberton Parish Hall Charity. The Parish Council are the Custodian Trustees and the land is registered in the name of the Parish Council at the land registry.

The 'old' Parish Hall has reopened following the COVID lockdown and is still being used whilst we await the opening of the New Village Hall. At that time the Parish Hall will no longer have a function as a village hall. Most people in the village will be aware that in 2021 an application for a Community Legacy Grant from Wychavon to repurpose the Hall as a Community Hub (supported by the Parish Council) was successful. We have recently had a meeting with the officers at Wychavon who manage the grant and they have agreed to extend it for another year.

The next step is to request permission from the Charity Commission to change the objectives of the Charity. This will require several steps:

1. The existing Charity no longer has a function based on its existing objectives (ie it no longer is needed by the Parish as a village hall)
2. No other person/ group has a need to use the hall under its current objectives (The Church agreed to a Deed of Release of their right to use the hall and this was signed and sealed on 17th July 2022).
3. The Parishioners agree to the change of use (98% in favour of the change in a poll circulated to all houses in the village in December 2021)

We thus await the signing of the lease for the new village hall, whereupon all three of the above criteria will be met and the old Parish hall will 'close'. At that stage item 1 is satisfied and we can then approach the Charity Commission. Even then approval cannot be guaranteed.

The proposed new Objectives for the Charity will be:

The said land with the building thereon shall be held in Trust to be used to improve the social welfare of the inhabitants of the Parish of Tibberton, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions, in particular, but not exclusively, by provision and maintenance of a building to provide a warm community hub, in which residents can meet socially, an information point to provide local activities and providing a supply of essential items on a not for profit basis.

In the meantime the Management Committee have agreed a grant of £25,000 for equipment for the new village hall, as soon as the lease has been signed.

In the very recent past we have been very sad to record the death of Philip Loe who for many years was the Chairman of the Trustees and more recently has been the Treasurer. He was also the caretaker of the hall and has been a tireless fundraiser for the Charity. His wife Judy was also responsible for many years for the cleaning of the hall. Our thoughts are with Judy and her family at their sad loss.

Robert Grimer

Chairman of the Tibberton Parish Hall Management Committee.