

The Village Institute - Trustees report

The Trustees of the village institute had not meet for some time it would seem! They had not warranted any attention from the previous council, so much so that we are not actually sure when the last meeting took place. One fact was clear: no accounts had been registered on the Charities Commission Web site for several years and as a result we were about to lose our Charitable status!

Within weeks of coming to office the trustees contacted the Charity commission and advised on our difficult position, having no clerk and no access to historical information. They allowed us some leeway in order to try and get our records and information together.

Thanks to William our caretaker/manager, several sets of up to date accounts have been brought together from his records and I have now been able to file our missing documentation and returns on line.

The Trustees have meet as recently as last week to implement plans for the immediate future finances of the Institute and 2013 budget. We will be working to implement some immediate improvements to the facilities in order that we can carry on running smoothly and slightly more efficiently.

These include:

- Possible refurbishing of the kitchen along with replacement boiler
- Improved insulation to the premises
- Better use of storage space and facilities
- Refurbishment of the wooden dance floor

Current balance in the bank account for the Institute is £11,082.32 as of the 26th March 2013; however there will be a large drawing on the account of some £3,400 to reimburse the Parish Council for staff wages.

Full details on the accounts will be posted on line.