

West Hallam Annual Parish Meeting

3 May 2010

Report of the Parish Council's Representative on the West Hallam Village Hall Charity Committee

- 1 I am pleased to have continued to represent the Parish Council on the West Hallam Village Hall Charity for the past twelve months.
- 2 West Hallam Village Hall is a registered Charity constituted under a Deed of Trust dated 11 November 1974. The land and buildings are owned by the Scargill's Educational Foundation. The West Hallam Village Hall Charity has a full repairing twenty year lease of the premises running from 2008.
- 3 The charity's purpose is to administer the Village Hall as a community facility and to preserve the Grade II listed building for the future.
- 4 The management committee of Trustees includes members of the community elected at the Annual General Meeting, representatives of user groups and myself as a representative of the West Hallam Parish Council.
- 5 Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month in January, March, May, July, September and December.
- 6 The Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2009 shows an encouraging improvement in net receipts for the year, mainly from rents, taking the figure to a surplus of just under £1900 compared with a loss of just under £300 in the previous year. This is not however exactly 'like for like' due to a change in the accounting year.
- 7 The Charity's total cash funds (the sum of the general account and the building fund) currently stand at around £8,130.
- 8 At their AGM in March Trustees acknowledged the continuing generous support of the Parish Council in contributing to rates and water charges.
- 9 The Village Hall continues to be used by organisations and individuals for a wide range of educational, recreational and cultural activities and it has also been used by Erewash Borough Council for elections, which provides a useful additional source of income.
- 10 Through the continued hard work of all the committee members and volunteer helpers the Village Hall Committee has had another successful year in playing its part in bringing the community together. The Village Hall has played a key role in community events including the annual Well Dressings and Christmas Lights and is a promoter as part of the Live and Local rural arts touring programme, including hosting an event in February 2009.
- 11 Trustees continue to encourage and facilitate the use of the Village Hall as a much valued community space at the heart of West Hallam, to manage the charity and

the building in accordance with legal requirements and to endeavour to ensure that funding is procured to ensure the future of the building.

- 12 With regard to the latter, the Committee continues to actively progress a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for resources to address major structural problems and has now engaged the services of Derek Trowell Architects to advise on possible works to be included in a funding bid.
- 13 At their last meeting in March the Management Committee also agreed to pursue the setting up of a web site for the Village Hall and this is currently being developed.

Bruce Broughton
3 May 2010