

Snape Parish Council

Village Hall Management Committee. April 2021.

This is the second year we have not been able to hold an A.G.M, due to Covid , but we live in hope things will be back to normal next year.

After many years of hard work and dedication, Caroline Beach has resigned as chair of the Management committee we thank her and wish her well. Before Caroline left, she secured a grant which enabled us to renew our kitchen, unfortunately since then it has not been in use due to Covid.

Caroline Meffan agreed to take on the "chair" last July, but due to personal circumstances, was unable to continue, since then I have taken on the "chair" of the management committee.

Despite Covid we have been busy with the maintenance of the village hall. Improvements include repainting all the outside, stairs and committee room. The guttering was repaired and all the outside window frames washed. We purchased a Fogger Machine (sanitizer) which sprays a fine mist covering all the inside of the village hall, despite this we were not allowed to hire the hall which in turn, meant we had no income from the hires or coffee mornings, all of which we miss very much.

We had our twice-yearly fire alarm s checked including the snooker club, and a replacement water heater fitted in the snooker club cloakroom.

The undergrowth around the village hall, snooker club and the car park perimeter has been cleared of scrub, what a team!!

As usual, we thank Janet and Peter once more for maintaining the hanging baskets and for all that they do behind the scenes which goes unnoticed by the casual observer.

The post office will continue to open on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoon for which we are happy to host as many villagers rely on it. We thank them for their continued support. The paper shop will not be reopening after the Covid restrictions have lifted, we thank Sue Edwards for manning it for several years which turned into a meeting place for a quick chat and up-date.

Two sheds, which were used to store bric-a -brac and books for our coffee mornings, were splitting at the seams and needed to be sorted out. Mike Hill went through the books, Alan and I sorted through the "antiques", Mary and Tina had a second sort through, Mary, deciding to do a car-boot, twice, and send some to the auction, which not only made us some money, but cleared our conscience not having to bin it. Thank you for that.

Most of all I wish to thank Mary Wyllie for taking on the extra mantle of being our "Grants" lady. She applied for and was successful in gaining 2 grants.

We are planning to resurface the hard standing in front of the village hall, the cost of which is covered by the grant. Thank you, Mary, I know it took a lot of time and effort, but much appreciated.

This last year has been quite a challenge, but with the support of the committee, we have come through it more or less unscathed, and find the hall in good order and ready to open our doors as soon as we are able.

Ilse Edwards

Chairperson of Snape Village Hall Management Committee.