

Clopton Village Hall Committee Meeting
Thursday 3rd February 2022
At Clopton Village Hall at 7.30pm

1. **Present** : Diana Dawson, David Hayhow, Della Hughes, Doris Main, Richard Taylor, John Dawson and Sue Christensen. .
2. **Apologies** : None.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting on 9th December 2021**: Already circulated. Approved and signed by Diana.
4. **Matters arising** : There has been no response from OpenReach about rectifying the sagging wire over the playing field. Diana to contact again. Diana has researched toddler play equipment, but the cost is very high so, the project has been shelved for the time being.
5. **Treasurer's Report** : David circulated a summary of the hall's financial position for the year ending 31st December 2021. The income was £2813.50, and expenditure £2930.82, giving a trading loss of £117.32. There was high expenditure on electrical inspection and final solicitors' fees for the lease renewal. The balance in the bank on 2nd February 2022 was £6085.70. David has prepared the Trustees' Report for the Charity Commission.
6. **New lighting** : The fluorescent tubes in the main hall are to be replaced with 6ft LED tubes. The side light bulbs are to be upgraded to dimmable LED fittings and new side lights on the kitchen side of the hall are to be installed. It is hoped that the funding for this project will come from District Councillor Tony Fryatt's Community Fund.
7. **Grounds**: Diana has asked Clopton Parish Council to provide a dog bin on the verge near the car park gate which will hopefully encourage dog walkers to clear up after their animals. The bottle banks are still filling very quickly, indicating commercial dumping. Norse to be contacted again. The privet on the mound is very overgrown and needs cutting back. Diana thanked David and John for their hard work cutting the hedge adjacent to the concrete road. Fifteen saplings from the Woodland Trust are to be planted on 5th March. It is hoped to get primary-school-aged village children to be involved – possibly to 'adopt a tree'. Della to arrange publicity.
8. **Maintenance of Hall** : Proposed to replace stained ceiling tiles when the hall lighting is being replaced. Replace kickboards in kitchen. Revarnish/paint lobby doors. John has replaced the outside light fitting at the main entrance which had been smashed. The light fitting outside the double doors in the hall has been inadvertently disconnected, probably when electrical work on the emergency lighting was being carried out.
9. **A.O.B.** : None.
10. **Date of next meeting** : Thursday 7th April at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.