

ALDERTON

PARISH MEETING

2021

**Notice is hereby given of ALDERTON'S 2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
To be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 7.30pm**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Latest development matters
3. Playing Field Update
4. Alloments Update
5. Written reports from the following - questions will be taken:

ACT	Allotment Association	Borough Council
Church	Gardening Club	Gardeners Arms
Green Fields Trust	Handbell Ringers	Planning Matters
Newsletter	Parish Council	PC Accounts
Acorns - Playgroup	Police	School – Oak Hill
Shop & Post Office	Skittles Team	Village Hall

6. Any other business - An opportunity for residents to raise any matters of parish interest.

Members of the general public are welcome to attend, **parishioners are encouraged to attend**, but only persons registered as Local Government Electors from the Parish of Alderton are entitled to vote.



Alderton Community Trust

The Alderton Community Trust continues to be a useful 'conduit' for applying and receiving grants. Although we meet annually we have had a very quiet year. Date of next AGM – to be confirmed, but will be published in Village Newsletter and Noticeboards as soon as it's set.

Trustees

Keith Page
Guy Stirling Lee
John Appleton
Rob Smith-Graham
Mark Hunt

We are always keen to encourage new community projects and investigate ways to support them.

Guy Stirling Lee
(Trustee)

Annual Update for the Alderton Allotment Association – Spring 2021

The allotments in Alderton are doing extremely well and the last 14 months have shown the benefits of community spirit coupled with a venue to escape the difficulties imposed by the 3 Covid lockdowns. The allotments are looking as good as they have done in any recent years and there has been a slow expansion of members actively cultivating plots. 'We have more members looking after more plots, growing more and having lots of fun'. Yes – it is still true! We now have 72 members. The 'new/new plots' next to the new houses have become operational since the last report in 2019. More importantly they are all in use and add to the busy community. The AAA has continued as an independent member of the National Allotment Society providing access to insurance services to plot holders and additional access to general allotment advice in this era of continued financial pressures on local government which could impact future considerations on community spaces.

The AAA has had considerable support in the last 12 months from the Greenfields Trust assisting with the purchase of additional compost bins and water butts for the site. May I continue to remind village neighbours that the allotment site is not an area for dog walking as fouling by dogs remains a problem. We are very happy to welcome new members and the Clerk to the Parish Council, Tamsin James holds the waiting list for plots when they become available. There is currently a shuffle going on with the plots and hopefully some new smaller apprentice plots will soon be available.

Chris Holliday
Chairman Alderton Allotment Association

Tewkesbury Borough Councillor's Annual Report to Councils within Winchcombe Ward 2020-21

Introduction

The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic and its associated national lockdowns continues to change everyone's lives. As a consequence, it has been 2 years since this annual report has been presented.

COVID-19 Impact on Tewkesbury Borough Council

The pandemic has affected Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) in many different ways:

- Normal working practices and procedures either ceased or were forced to alter. - Council officers needed to rapidly learn new ways of working.
- Nearly all council staff worked from their homes and used software to conduct day-to-day functions and internal meetings.
- All committees and working groups met via video conferencing software applications.
- New business grants from Government needed to be administered by council officers.
- Council staff were required to be moved within the organisation to fulfil new council roles. – All planning and licensing applications were dealt with online. Planning site visits were suspended and council staff produced videos to assist planning committee members.
- Members of the public could only meet council officers following an appointment.

Tewkesbury Borough Council Achievements

In spite of all the above challenges, the council was able to achieve a great deal – as outlined below.

Tewkesbury Garden Town

A dedicated council team has been established to develop and deliver the concept of a Garden Town at Ashchurch. The aim is to absorb the requirement for future housing growth to the end of the Joint Core Strategy in 2030. In addition to a minimum of 10,000 homes, the Garden Town will deliver employment opportunities alongside an appropriate infrastructure. This infrastructure is likely to include a community centre, schools and recreational facilities. As part of the Garden Town initiative, a new £8 million railway bridge positioned to the north of Ashchurch station has received planning permission. Building work on this bridge should begin 2022-23.

High Street Safety

Council officers worked hard to make the 3 main high streets of Tewkesbury, Bishop's Cleeve and Winchcombe safer for shoppers. As well as introducing signage, they offered shopkeepers and hospitality businesses advice on how to open up safely.

The Council Budget

The council budget was difficult to set this year because of the large financial impact that Covid-19 has had on councils. Indeed, some councils have found themselves facing grave financial problems. However, TBC along with the Transform Working Group managed to produce a balanced budget by utilising some of its prudently saved reserves. It should be noted that TBC's council tax still remains one of the lowest in the country.

Waste Management

Waste management targets continued to be met during the year. Due to the Borough's growth, another food waste collection vehicle was purchased. TBC has also reviewed and suggested how to improve the collection of trade waste. In addition, TBC has awarded Casepak (a Leicester-based waste management company) a 3 year contract to process 10,000 tonnes per year of dry, mixed recycling.

Council Scrutiny

The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) committee and the Council Executive continued to examine a range of topics to help shape and inform Council decisions and provide support to key areas of Council activity. The O&S committee also continues to scrutinise the performance of the Council's actions and the Covid-19 Corporate Recovery Plan.

Cleeve Hill Golf Club

TBC found itself in a difficult situation following notice that the current tenant intended to discontinue its lease of Cleeve Hill Golf Club. There was then a need to find the best way to deal with this situation. TBC negotiated potential arrangements with several interested businesses. Eventually, the council and Cleeve Common Trust independently selected the Cotswold Hub Co. to take on a new tenancy of the golf clubhouse site as well as a new licence to play golf on the common. The new tenant promises to deliver a place where "cyclists, walkers, golfers, riders, wildlife enthusiasts and historians all share a common interest - the unique Cleeve Hill".

Tewkesbury Borough Plan

The Tewkesbury Borough Plan is currently being examined by an independent Planning Inspector. TBC are currently awaiting his report and recommendations.

Conclusion

It has been a very difficult year for TBC. However, the many achievements that have been made will benefit the Borough in the years ahead.

Prepared by Borough Councillors Jim Mason, John Murphy and David Gray – April 2021

CHURCHWARDENS' ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Our church, St Margaret of Antioch, is at the heart of the village, along with the shop and the school. It is open to everyone to visit each day, and a place to celebrate weddings, christenings and (on a more sombre note) funerals. But it has been affected by the Covid crisis, as have we all. We are extremely grateful for the donations we have received from villagers.

Though we had to cancel our Summer Fete last June, we were able to hold our Harvest Market in September. As a result, were able to sell many copies of the Village Calendar. The next week we did takeaway savoury meals, courtesy of Helen West and Gill Cogzill.

In the mowing season, the churchyard is kept tidy by the volunteer mowing gang. It is a testament to the gang's dedication that the churchyard looks so tidy. To help matters further, we have now bought a mulching mower, which will be of great benefit when the grass is dry.

Last year, we had our Quinquennial Report. Lindon Bowley, our builder has carried out the main recommendations. We also had a water leak, which has been dealt with by Keith Page, to whom we are very grateful. Basically, our church is in fine condition...fourteenth century and going strong.

Michael Newman,
Churchwarden

Alderton Gardening Club Annual Report 2020/2021

Alderton Gardening Club has not met since March 2020 due to the restrictions arising from the Covid pandemic. Despite this, the club members remain in good spirits and are hopeful for a resumption in our activities sometime in 2021. This will be dependent on our venue for the meetings, the Village Hall, to be open again for a normal 50+ people attendance. Without this our meetings will not be viable with speaker and hall hire fees to cover.

The Club though has been kept active via our Facebook group which at the time of writing has 106 members. This has provided a means of keeping our members and supporters both entertained and informed. Financially the AGC is solvent, with healthy contingency funds in our bank account. These have been used to purchase compost and seed potatoes at a discount from our supporters Vale Gardens Ltd at Badsey.

Having had a great first two years, it has been understandably frustrating to have hit the buffers because of Covid. I am confident though that the Alderton Gardening Club is in good shape, to meet up again and to build on our initial success when it is safe again to do so.

Tom Cullimore
Chairman

Report from Gardeners Arms 2020/21

It has been a really tough year for the pub with very little Government support so losses were inevitable. Mike was able to keep all staff on through furlough but there was no support for him as a Sole Trader.

On a positive note, we have a new Chef (Mark), Deputy (James) & Manager (Dan) to help drive the business forward & have looked at the business as a whole & how we adapt to changing trends. We have done well with Takeaways, and although delivering was difficult, we were well supported by surrounding villages (and as far as Cheltenham).

Our outside catering bus was moved into the garden to help with Covid measures as people were scared to come inside (we attached with electric so the generator did not bother the neighbours). The smoking shelters were moved onto the patio and we put heat & light in them which also helped during the Covid crisis. We are looking at doing smaller weddings and doing outside catering by taking food to people's houses for small parties.

We have battled with Covid, lack of funding, terrible weather and targeted vandalism by someone in the village and have come through it. We are staying optimistic about the coming year with the help of our amazing staff and loyal customers, and fingers crossed, we have no more lockdowns!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those villagers in Alderton who supported us during the lockdown as it did make a difference.

Green Fields Trust

Green Fields Trust is a Charitable Trust set up by local inhabitants to distribute community benefit funding (just over £4,500 in the year to 31 March 2021) flowing from Gretton Solar Farm, the Company that runs the solar Farm at Lower Stanley. The ultimate owners of Gretton Solar Farm Limited are Bluefield Solar Income Fund, who acquired Gretton Solar Farm from the previous owners, CTF on 20th January 2020. They also undertake the operation of the installation.

With this funding, Green Fields Trust has continued to fund projects in the community in Alderton and Gretton. In the last two years to March 2021 we have made grants to:

- **Alderton Village Hall** - to renew the lighting with energy efficient LED alternatives in two separate phases
- **Alderton Allotment Association** - to provide water butts and compost bins for allotment holders
- **Gretton Village Hall Association** - to install energy efficient alternative heating technology
- **Oak Hill C of E Primary School** - to fund equipment and materials to augment Forest School and outdoor learning environments

The latest round of applications in March 2021 has seen a grant to **Alderton Acorns Preschool** to establish a wildlife garden and support Forest School staff training.

There are opportunities to apply for funding every six months on 31 March and 30 September. Funding criteria, application forms and more information about the Trust can be found at www.greenfieldstrust.co.uk

Kenneth Roles (trustee)

on behalf of the trustees

Alderton Hand Bell Ringers Report

Unfortunately, due to the Covid restrictions, the Hand Bell group were unable to meet and practice. Hopefully we will resume when the rules allow.

We always welcome new members who would like to join us and ring the bells. Our music is varied but no musical knowledge is required.

Liz Rea 620750

ALDERTON PLANNING MATTERS – 2020/21 REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL

There have been a number of successes in our fight to prevent further substantial housing development in the village. The proposal to build 40 houses south of Dibden Lane was withdrawn. This followed a huge number of objections from villagers and the Parish Council. The proposal to build 28 houses south of the existing Cala development went to Planning Committee in March 2020 and was refused. Cala appealed and a Full Inquiry is due to be heard starting on 6 July. The Parish Council has asked to be a party to that Enquiry, will be giving evidence and expects to call witnesses. A preliminary case management conference with the Inspector is scheduled for 18 May and a report will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The proposal to build bungalows behind Orchard Road was withdrawn but replaced by a proposal to build an equestrian unit. There was suspicion that this was a prelude to house building and was opposed by the Parish Council and villagers. This proposal was in turn withdrawn and the field put up for sale.

There is now a proposal, for permission in principle, to build four houses behind St Margaret's Road. This has, to date, 88 objections along with an objection from the Parish Council and we await further news.

The Parish Council has continued to object to proposals which are not in our Neighbourhood Plan but developers are obviously showing a continuing interest in building new estates on the village's boundaries. The response from villagers to such proposals has been significant and the interest taken is a feature of how seriously villagers take the need to prevent further expansion. It is important that this continues.

Councillor Mike West

Alderton Newsletter

The inspiration and original editor of the newsletter, Ian Parkin passed away this year. His many contributions to the life of the village will be sadly missed.

The newsletter has been produced for over 40 years during which time it has played an important part in keeping the village up to date with all the issues affecting us all, including details of local planning applications and details of local events and items of general interest to our readers.

The Alderton Newsletter is edited, printed and distributed by a willing band of volunteers each month (except January). We produce 425 copies on each production run. The newsletter is distributed free of charge to every household in Alderton, Great Washbourne, Alderton Fields and along the main road from Frampton Cottages to Windmill Farm.

We produce either a two or four page newsletter, depending on how many entries we receive to be included in each edition. The newsletter survives on donations to cover the cost of paper and printing. We have calculated that the newsletter costs approx. £500 per annum (£1.16 per household).

A few points of information about the production of the newsletter.

- Deadline for newsletter is **25th** of the previous month.
- Please ensure contributions are received before the deadline.
- Also remember that events early in following month should be submitted for the previous month's newsletter, to give people time to get the information in their diaries.
- Please keep your submission to the newsletter as short as possible.
- Priority will be given to village events, personal notices and general village information.
- We are happy to advertise new small businesses, but we cannot repeat the adverts each month because of lack of space.
- We aim to distribute the newsletter by the end of each month but this is not always possible.

We have been asked by several people why we don't stop producing a paper copy of the newsletter and save money by sending it by email. This may seem a good idea on face value, however we have to consider the following:

- Someone would have to create and maintain a database of every email address for each household in the distribution area, which would be very time consuming for the person involved. Data protection legislation would make this task even more difficult as we would be storing a large amount of data.
- By producing and delivering a paper copy to every household, we know that everyone has received one. If it was distributed by email, we could not guarantee this.
- There are people in the village that do not have access to or chose not to use the internet.
- Therefore, for now, we will continue to produce and deliver a printed copy to everyone as usual.

And finally, a huge **THANK YOU** to our printer, John Appleton, to our contributors and our wonderful band of distributors for their support and commitment. Without their help, the newsletter wouldn't exist.

A special thanks to everyone who helped keep the newsletter going throughout the last difficult year.

Caroline Page
Editor

ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 2020-21

This past year has been unlike any other and most certainly in my lifetime. Government guidelines and restrictions have changed what we consider to be 'normal' and we have all had to adjust and make changes to our everyday lives.

At the start of the pandemic, many individuals within the Parish stepped forward to volunteer to help residents with picking up shopping, urgent supplies, posting mail or a friendly phone call. Thank you to all those who set up and co-ordinated this scheme, along with the 80 volunteers offering support to their community.

Despite the lockdown restrictions, the Parish Council has managed to continue working for the community in various ways.

Planning matters continue to dominate and Councillor West has provided an update on the latest situation with developer housing applications.

The allotments are continuing to thrive and there are just over 80 plots on the site now. The Allotment Association Chairman has detailed their success, along with the support provided by the Association to plotheolders. During the past year the Parish Council has installed a new main gate for the site and organised for scalplings to be laid along the southern boundary track. The scrub area around the western hedge has been cleared to make way for some sheds for the plots in the new area. The much appreciated portable toilet has also been returned to site!

A project arising from some final housing development S106 funding was that of improvements to the Playing Field pitch. The funding has enabled the Council to build a storage shed adjacent to the Changing Facility, purchase a tractor mower and organise some heavy rolling of the pitch to improve its condition following mole activity. Other works have included tree pruning and the installation of replacement wire on the roadside boundary fence for safety. Councillor Kettle has undertaken some bulb planting in the Millennium Copse.

Surface water flooding in Willow Bank Road continues to be a problem and we are currently working with our new Highways Representative to try and find a solution to this. After a number of requests the pavement in Ellenor Drive was finally re-surfaced by Gloucestershire Highways. A new grit bin has been installed on the junction of St Margaret's Road and St Margaret's Drive. The installation of the Speed Indicator Device has still to be resolved. The Parish Council believes that the accompanying agreement, if signed, places onerous liability on councillors should there be an insurance claim.

Last December we commissioned a report to highlight the impact of proposed developments on the known flooding problem areas in Alderton and will use this as part of our evidence base in responding to major planning development applications.

Over the past year we have welcomed three new councillors to the Parish Council: Yasmin Shaikh, Nicki Broderick and Sarah Hughes. Pam Williams, Ian Hopkins and Jim Keating stepped down from the Council and I would like to thank them for their contribution.

And as ever Tamsin has kept the show on the road and me sane.

Let's hope 2021/22 brings us all a step nearer normality.

Keith Page
Chairman

ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET V ACTUAL as at 31.3.21 (unaudited)

2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Detail	Actual £	Difference £
Actual	Budget	Receipts	Actual	Difference
15738	19507	carried forward	20395	888
17600	17600	Precept	17600	0
2138	1956	Allotment rents	2657	701
704	280	Changing Facility Receipts	20	-260
286	286	Grass Verges	286	0
11	11	Interest	6	-5
895	9884	S106 play pitches	9884	0
0	1452	S106 play facility	0	-1452
0	0	Solar Receipts	557	557
1846	0	Other funding/grants	1116	1116
2987	2978	Vat reclaim	3899	921
£42,205	£ 53,954	Total income	£56,422	£2,468
Payments				
7432	7432	Staff Salary	7638	-206
690	600	Admin Expenses	583	17
360	360	Audit	260	100
273	400	Insurance	360	40
130	120	Hall Hire	88	33
565	800	Grass Verges	510	290
3312	1471	Playing Field Maintenance	4021	-2550
895	9884	Playing Field - Pitches S106	10349	-465
0	1452	Playground Improvements S106	0	1452
0	1440	Play Area Repair Reserve	0	1440
0	5000	Changing Facility - solar	0	5000
1276	1292	Changing Facility - maintenance	3451	-2159
1250	1250	Allotments - GCC rent	1250	0
276	400	Allotments - water etc	662	-262
1374	4660	Allotments - maintenance	896	3764
6	648	Village Assets - maintenance	148	500
421	460	Subscriptions	393	67
200	250	Training	50	200
35	35	Data Protection	35	0
0	3000	Professional Fees Reserve	0	3000
333	170	Village Communications	73	97
1200	2095	Defibrillator	0	2095
0	500	B4077 Road Safety	0	500
246	1800	Planning Reserve	1275	525
20	200	IT Equipment	110	90
0	0	S137	0	0
69	70	Phone Box electricity	70	0
0	5000	General Reserve	0	5000
1447	3165	VAT paid	3837	-672
£21,810	£53,954	Total Expenditure	£36,058	£ 17,896
Balance in hand			£20,364	



Alderton Acorns Pre-School, Alderton Village Hall, Dibden Lane, Alderton GL20 8NT
Tel: 07842 161159 www.aldertonacorns.org.uk Charity N°: 1052664 Ofsted N°: 101702

Alderton Acorns Preschool

Alderton Acorns Preschool is a non-profit making charity group, run for the community by a committee of volunteers. We are open on Monday - Thursday from 9-3pm in the village hall and families come not only from Alderton but also from the surrounding area. We take children from 2 years 6months old and the staff are committed to providing an environment where the children feel safe, secure and most important of all, have fun. We also run a Parent and Toddler drop-in session on Friday mornings which is open to all and offers parents/carers the opportunity to socialise while their children explore a safe and stimulating environment.

The past year has been very challenging for Preschool with staffing changes and of course a Coronavirus pandemic to cope with. The staff have had to adjust to a new way of working with constant and ever-changing guidance and new legislation which has been difficult to keep up with. It has all felt a bit overwhelming at times and we are very grateful for all the support we have received to help us remain open. We have had reduced numbers of children at Preschool, which meant reduced hours and therefore reduced income. However, moving forward, with positive cases of coronavirus falling and more adults being immunised, parents are increasingly becoming more confident in sending their children to Preschool and we already have a number of children booked in for September 2021.

Plans for the future include training a member of staff as a Forest School Leader and introducing the children to even more learning in an outdoor environment. Lots of mud, plants, trees, building dens and fresh air!

The Preschool relies on a voluntary committee of parents to operate successfully. The fees and grants we receive for Preschool do not cover our full running costs and the committee of parents work hard each year to make up the shortfall by organising fundraising events. This of course has been particularly difficult during the pandemic but we are hopeful that things will only get better. Acorns would like to say how lucky we feel to be in the heart of such a supportive village and to be able to provide such a wonderful start for the youngest children in the area.

If you would like any more information about the Preschool, check out our website at www.aldertonacorns.org.uk, email aldertonacorns@gmail.com or phone 07842 161159.



Alderton Parish Crime Report 17th May 2020- 23rd May 2021

Looking at the reports for the village of Alderton for the period 17/05/20 – 23/05/21, below is a breakdown of what we have recorded.

There were 65 incidents reported to police, however a large proportion of them are not relevant as they will include things like false burglar alarm activations, concerns for welfare and other non-crime police related activities.

Of note were 5 reports between Oct 20 and Feb 21 regarding a yellow van acting suspiciously in the village. This was attributed to scrap collectors who were looking around properties and skips without permission. There have been no such reports of this van since Feb.

- 3 Reports of theft from vehicles
- 1 Report of attempt theft of motor vehicle
- 1 Non-stop Road Traffic Collision
- 2 Drugs offences
- 2 Assaults but these were domestic related
- 1 Threats to kill after a verbal altercation
- 1 Covid 19 regulations Breach
- 1 Residential garage burglary
- 1 Theft from outside residential premises.

PC 964 Allan Poole

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School

In these unprecedented times, the challenges faced by the school over the last twelve months have been immense. Every aspect of school life and work has been affected by Covid and its tenacious grip upon us over the months.

Lockdown life necessitated a fundamental change in school with the move to virtual learning and the use of pre-produced video lessons. This approach takes a huge amount of time and effort from the school staff and the Governors and I am very grateful for their enthusiasm and relentlessness over the lockdown periods. The changes between Lockdown 1 and Lockdown 3 saw a huge rise in the number of children who were eligible to be in school. Having relocated all children to the Alderton site, we saw almost 50% of children being in school regularly during this time.

It was lovely to reopen both sites in March and the further lockdown easing have allowed us to start making tentative plans for a more normal school life to return. Trips are already planned to; the steam train, bellboating and the Boundless Outdoor Activity Centre for the Yr6 children. We hope to be able to hold a Sport's Day in some format, but at the time of writing, we are not yet sure exactly what this will look like!

This year has seen some staffing changes at Oak Hill with Miss Jess Garrett joining us in KS2 in September. At Christmas, our headteacher, Mr. Holdstock moved on to new pastures and has been replaced by Mr. Adam Greaves. We also have a new Chair of Governors, Mrs. Victoria Leather who started in September. As a school, we are currently making plans for, what we hope will be, a normal 2021-2022.

Alderton Village Store Report 2020/21

Last year I did not send a report as nothing much was happening worthy of mentioning. Little did I know how things were going to change. Covid19 effected all businesses globally. Luckily, with the help of all our wonderful volunteers & kind loyal customers, I managed to keep the shop open through the lockdown.

With the closure of Beckford Shop, our Post Office was also very busy during this time. We also had new faces from new houses for a little while. I was hoping they would carry on supporting the shop after a few visits, sadly this did not happen.

I continue to provide our customers with the best local supplies of meat, sausages, bacon, pasties, porkpies & fresh organic vegetables at competitive prices. Drapers Bakery and La Parisienne continue to supply our popular breads and our deli products such as ham, cheeses, pork pies and pasties.

On a more personal note, as most of my friends & customers know, I will soon need to visit my 98 year old mother in Iran, who has been in isolation at her home since the beginning of lockdown. Therefore, unless I can find some help to keep the shop open (even if for couple of hours a day), I will have to close the store and post office for the duration of my holiday (plus days in quarantine on my return). I am truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause my customers.

I would like to thank everyone for continuing to support your village shop.

Yari Aram

Alderton Allsorts Skittles Team

It seems a long time since we played our last game back in March 2020. We were nearing the end of the season in Division 2 of the Tewkesbury & District Skittles League heading for mid-table mediocrity when the pandemic hit.

We are busy planning for a restart this September. We use the Bredon AFC alley for our home fixtures on Fridays whilst the away fixtures may occur between Weds and Friday nights.

The majority of the team are Alderton based however we are always keen to add to our squad. League rules stipulate that players are to be male and 17 or over - if anyone is interested, please contact Club Secretary Guy Stirling Lee on 07737 126064 or guystirlinglee@gmail.com.

Alderton Village Hall

Over the last year, we have worked to ensure that the Hall could open for all allowed activities. The Pre-school were able to re-start in September, and some fitness classes were taking place until the November lockdown.

The Hall has been regularly cleaned and inspected, and all users have made great efforts to maintain the hall to the standard required, so that it can be used whenever possible.

Unfortunately, our tentative start to formulating plans for refurbishment had to be put on hold, but we hope to resume this as soon as possible.

Any substantial work on the Hall would need the help and input from as many villagers as possible, and we hope to welcome some new enthusiastic and imaginative members onto the committee to help drive this forward.

Please email kaye@mahunt.plus.com with any queries, comments or suggestions.