

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Well, what a year for everyone! The Village Hall remained open for as long as Government guidelines allowed – an “on/off” situation throughout the year.

Our major project to provide an extension/re-roof/extra toilets/expanded car park/enhanced access for the hall, resurface paths and sports court and improve access for the Playing Field was costed at over £570k. As current projects for improving/acquiring other Village amenities had “leap frogged” our protracted costing, it was deemed too big a demand on local residents pockets and so the project was shelved

A grant advisory webinar held by The Garfield Weston Group in January was beneficial in guiding our future applications

As the major grant project was shelved, we decided that repair to the surface of the Car Park and Replacement of the Flat Roof were urgently needed:

1. In January 2020 a working party of numerous volunteers helped spread 20 tonnes of road planings to smooth out the numerous potholes in the car park
2. February saw the replacement of the Flat Roof with a 25 year guarantee installed by a local contractor at a cost of £10,332

Liaising with the Parish Council in February, we were able to successfully apply to our Local District Councillors for an Enabling Communities Grant of £1160.00 towards the cost of installing WiFi and the purchase of a 65” Smart TV -This was finally installed in September and is housed in a secure refurbished cupboard. Note: WiFi code is c6e7346e4f and you’re welcome to try it.

We managed to squeeze in working parties on the Playing Field in January and August with numerous volunteers from both Bealings Villages helping to clear leaves and repair rabbit holes and equipment

Due to the Covid-19 closures, we reduced the Sports Court annual subscription charges to £20.00 p.a. This proved very popular and resulted in 19 subscribers.

They were very pleased to be able to play during the first lockdown.

The Trustees of the Village Hall greatly appreciate the donations given each year by the two Parish Councils towards the upkeep of the hall and playing field.