

## **NOTES FOR GREAT BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

In the last year the village hall has been very busy with regular and ad-hoc bookings from Great & Little Bealings and also farther afield, this income helps to maintain the building and also the annual running costs which currently amount to more than £5k. The Village Hall is now nearly 60 years old and naturally there are always repairs and maintenance that need to be undertaken. Money is currently being put aside and ring-fenced towards the cost of a new flat roof over the kitchen and snooker room which will need to be replaced in the next few years, plus there are still some leaks from the main roof and these are being monitored.

Recently the 5 year Electrical Installation check of the wiring has been done and this highlighted some updates that needed to be addressed in order to bring the installation up to current standards, this work has now been completed.

As well as regular cutting of the Playing field by Suffolk Coastal Services, we have also used the Community Payback Team to keep the field and other areas tidy. Last year they painted the wooden play houses, and we intend to use them again this year, they have already improved the surface of the car park by adding some road planings.

It is now nearly 7 years since the playing field was renovated and the equipment needs to be maintained to keep it safe, the field and play equipment are inspected annually by Rospa, which helps to highlight any improvements or remedial works that need to be undertaken. The lines on the Sports Court were also renewed last year with help of monies from the SCDC Playspace Fund.

The Playing Field is used by many families from the surrounding areas, but the number of subscribers and use of the Sports Court decreased last year despite the good weather enjoyed last summer.

The Village Hall Trustees greatly appreciates the sums kindly donated each year by both of the Parish Councils towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Village Hall and Playing Field.

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