

Longstanton Village Institute

Charity No.: 300408



Report for Longstanton Annual Parish Meeting Monday 23rd April 2018

The Village Institute continues to provide a community facility for a wide range of groups. There are currently 9 regular weekly users, 2 users on a monthly basis and several other regular users who use on a less frequent basis. Bookings remain steady with morning and evenings pretty much fully booked, but afternoons remain largely free.

The Parish Council continues to rent the office at the back of the Institute which ensures a regular income. It was noted by Trustees that there had not been any increase in rental charges for many years. With effect from April 2018, there will be an increase in charges for the Parish Council office rental.

Last year I was able to report to you that through the Co-op Community Grant the charity was fortunate to receive £2,614.00, the money was earmarked for repairs to the hall floor. Not long after these repairs, the boiler in the hall failed and the remaining funds enabled the hall to have a new boiler which we hope will save some money on gas bills.

Income for the Year:	£15,534.76
Expenditure for the Year:	<u>£14,234.94</u>
Profit for the year	£1,299.82

The Village Institute charity is working with our solicitors, Birketts, towards the potential new community hub. Work has been undertaken over the last 14 months trying to ensure that the charities are working in their best

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interest and for the benefit of the community. Unfortunately, there have been delays by the Charity Commission which means we are unable to give you a firm outcome, but it is hoped that the Gravel Pit Charity's assets can be placed in the Village Institute enabling the closure the Gravel Pit Charity. It is anticipated that the land will be sold and could raise funds in the region of £1.3-£2.5million which will go a long way towards the costs of a new hub.

It should be made clear that the potential new hub will be owned and the project run by the Village Institute Charity.

Cllr John Street, Chairman of the Village Institute Charity