

# **Lt Clacton Village Hall & Harold Lilley Playing Field Trust**

**AGM Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

## **Chairman's Report**

I do hope that you are all well and have stayed safe throughout this terrible period over the last few months. On behalf of you all I would thank the NHS and all those on the frontline of the Coronavirus pandemic, whatever their work, who have worked tirelessly, and with great courage and efficiency, putting lives before themselves and keeping us protected. Our thoughts go out to those who have lost loved ones and whose lives will never be the same again. At this time we would also remember one of our members Arthur (Tailwaggers Dog Club) who unfortunately was taken ill and died earlier in the year and would have been with us tonight. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

With regard to the Village Hall and playing field, I am very pleased to report again this year that we continue to provide excellent facilities which are being used regularly, and the hire fees provide the financial support that is needed to keep the facilities maintained. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all of the Committee for your help, hard work and support through another successful year. Special thanks to John for keeping us on the straight and narrow with our finances as he continues to apply for grants for the various works which keep the facilities updated and for new projects.

Over the last year we have had the outside of the building re-decorated with a wall coating that is guaranteed to last for 15 years, we have also had the electrics throughout the Hall updated with lower energy consumption light fittings and ceiling fans have been installed, and internal decoration has been carried out over the last few months. A pathway has been built which follows the hedge-line from the play area to the end of the field so that walkers with dogs as well as schoolchildren can walk across the edge of the playing field without getting muddy and wet. We have had to replace the height barrier leading down to the car park due to damage by a vehicle which the police were unable to trace as had a cloned number plate. We have therefore had quite a lot of expenditure, and been thankful for grants, but hopefully our outgoings will not be so heavy over the next year.

I would like to thank Julie, our Booking Secretary who has continued to work very hard in keeping on top of the hirers who bring in much needed financial support, and also Peter (Caretaker) and Lynn (Cleaner) for keeping the facilities up to scratch and for keeping me informed of any problems. Many thanks to Shirley, who has now moved home, for ensuring the security of the gate, windows and doors on her early morning walks. Over the year on many occasions, Shirley has found the side gate and doors of the building insecure and this must not continue as we could end up paying out a great deal of money through vandalism. All hirers are to be advised that, if this is found to continue, the hirers responsible for not leaving the building secure will be charged an additional amount for each hire until it improves.



Each one of you on the Committee plays an important part in representing your various organisations using our facilities as without the hirers we could not survive and we are pleased that you enjoy the role you play.

We had a table top fund raising event organised by Liz in July which brought in £53.40, the bric-a-brac over from this would be held over for a car boot sale, and we held a further Barn Dance in November, again organised by Liz, which was well supported and raised £85.00.

The football team, under Ian Scott, flourished over the last year with young footballers playing on the field during the long, hot summer months and, it is hoped that this will continue this summer.

The children's playground, although closed for several months due to the pandemic, is due to open shortly, and a grant from Grassroots has provided the funds for repairs following the annual service of the equipment which found several pieces of equipment needed attention.

The parking when dropping off and picking up children has continued to be a problem but it is understood that a pelican crossing is to be installed on the London Road which will make it safer for people crossing the road. PC Rowntree has given warnings to some parents for illegal parking and will enforce with prosecution if this continues. He is doing a great job helping to alleviate the problems associated with poor parking occurring on London Road and Little Clacton Road East.

Following an investigation, evidence has been uncovered that roots from one of the oak trees on the playing field are causing a nuisance to a nearby property and unfortunately our insurance company has recommended that the tree should be felled. Until the evidence was provided we were not prepared for the tree to be removed but now this has been done, we have no alternative but to agree for the residents to take this drastic action but it will not be carried out until after the bird nesting season which ends in July. TDC have confirmed that there is no TPO on this tree but the Trust has to agree when such a tree is confirmed as causing a "nuisance".

Unfortunately, although celebrations were planned, The Village Hall Committee had to cancel the arrangements for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day which were to be held over the bank holiday weekend from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday being on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May). It was unfortunate but the country was in lockdown.

It would be lovely if we could encourage younger residents to take an active role and to take up positions on the Committee but this is something for the future and all organisations are in the same situation as young people do not seem to have the time, and in some cases, are not interested, in joining organisations as volunteers.

I would like to thank John Cutting, the Little Clacton Parish Chairman, for his help and support over the year and his attendance at a number of events which have taken place.

**We are also very grateful for the grant of £1000 from the Little Clacton Parish Council which is to go towards the hedge trimming and grass cutting.**

**Although the Village Hall and playing field is run on grants and is self funded by the hirers, we must always prepare for unexpected expenses which may come our way and periods of closure due to events such as the pandemic.**

**I am very grateful to you all for your work and support and also to the hirers, organizations and visitors who use our facilities as, without you/them, we could not keep going financially. I am just the figurehead and, whilst I do hope you realise the part I play, it is a combination of the members of the Committee who keep this place running. Your help has made my job as Chairman so much easier and I look forward to another successful year. I am happy to serve you again as Chairman but, equally, I would be happy to support any other person who would like to take up the challenge.**

**Cllr Peter De-Vaux Balbirnie MBE**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P De-Vaux Balbirnie', written in dark ink.

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Little Clacton Village Hall**  
**and**  
**Harold Lilley Playing Field Trust**

**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**Year Ended 29/02/2020**

	2019	2020		
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Hall Hire	21243.00	23485.15		
Snooker	677.00	903.00		
Fund Raising	561.40	466.50		
Grants	10000.00	1500.00		
Bank Interest	14.12	14.16		
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	32495.52	32495.52	26368.81	26368.81
 <b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
Maintenance	2633.97	2302.78		
Grass Cutting	1917.60	2117.60		
Hedge Cutting	7910.00	310.00		
Light & Heat	2302.93	2089.56		
Rates & Water Rates	762.49	983.87		
Insurance	1213.52	1245.87		
Advertising	100.00	100.00		
Office Minder	1808.40	1809.88		
Wages	4380.00	4380.00		
Licence & Subscription Fees	386.90	399.00		
Cleaning Materials	189.99	195.78		
Printing, Stationery, & Postage	130.21	65.21		
Playground	787.54	1275.42		
Improvements	1820.00	27177.98		
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	17496.29	17496.29	44452.95	44452.95
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 <b><u>Surplus</u></b>		-----		
		14999.23		
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**Balance Sheet 29/02/2020**

	2019	2020		2019	2020
Accumulated Fund	40806.10	55805.33	Freehold Property	8476.39	8476.39
Surplus	14999.23		Deposit Account	7091.66	7105.82
Deficit		18084.14	Current Account	40237.28	22138.98
			Cash	00.00	00.00
	<u>55805.33</u>	<u>37721.19</u>		<u>55805.33</u>	<u>37721.19</u>

**Notes**

**Grants**

**Field Maintenance, Grass and Hedge cutting.**

£1,000.00 Little Clacton Parish Council


**Playground Equipment**

£500.00 Tendring 'Grassroots

Honorary Treasurer

  
**John Dunnett**

Audited by

  
**Rachael Dayle**