

Deeping St Nicholas Village Hall C I O

Chair's summary of activity 2020-2021

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic

In common with every other charity and community group out there, this has been a largely inactive year. All the planned and proposed events were cancelled due to the immediate impact of the Coronavirus, and the uncertainty as to when the world might return to normal, and what that would look like. We held the minimum required meetings; a couple of these during lockdown were via Zoom. Covid-19 also impacted our ability to apply for funding, of which more later.

Home Farm planning permission

But now the good news! Ashwood Homes were advised that in order to be successful in gaining planning permission to build on the Home Farm site, they would need to provide a hall on the site. Lengthy discussions took place about the viability of this, but eventually planning permission was granted subject to several conditions including:

- A village hall is to be provided before 50% of dwellings are completed
- The hall is to be handed over to Parish Council or appropriate community organisation

Clearly there are many hoops for the developers to jump through such as S106 and archaeological requirements before we can start serious discussions about the design and building of a hall, but this is a huge step in the right direction.

Funding applications

The Committee has made many applications to gain funding during the year. Some donors temporarily suspended their giving and nearly all others changed their criteria so that applicants had to demonstrate a tangible connection to helping those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The only application to progress beyond the first stage involved creating a video; this was a steep learning curve for all concerned! In connection with this a Givey page was set up offering rewards for donations. Work continues on applications.

Finances

There has been virtually no financial activity during the year. The Committee received a bequest for £2,000 from the estate of the late Dick Tinsley, and there was a donation to the Givey page. There was one expense; renewal of the Community Lincs membership (now YMCA Lincolnshire). Again due to the pandemic, there has been no tangible progress in changing over the bank account.

Business planning

The business plan has been developed during the year to reflect the change to the Home Farm site, and to remove some of the background information, which remains available for use if required. We plan that next year will be considerably more active!

Annual Accounts

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For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020	CTC B/F
Balance Brough Forward	£3,808.09	£3,337.38	£0.00
Revenue			
Funds Raised - Events		£903.08	£2,946.30
Funds Raised - Sales		£15.00	£437.00
Other Revenue		£0.00	£540.00
Total Revenue	£0.00	£918.08	£3,923.30
Direct Expenses			
Event Costs		£188.99	£377.54
Total Direct Expenses	£0.00	£188.99	£377.54
Gross Profit	£0.00	£729.09	£3,545.76
Administrative Costs			
Advertising & Marketing		£18.38	£65.38
Audit & Accountancy fees		£240.00	£0.00
Subscriptions	£120.00	£0.00	£143.00
Total Administrative Costs	£120.00	£258.38	£208.38
Profit	-£120.00	£470.71	£3,337.38
Balance	£3,688.09	£3,808.09	£3,337.38