

Lucy Hutchinson  
Parish Clerk  
Warnford

25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Lucy

**Trustees of the Warnford Village Hall  
Grant Application to Parish Meeting**

This letter is to confirm the Village Hall Trustees' application for a grant from Parish funds for the year 2021. Please find attached a memo from the Treasurer including an income and expenditure statement for 2020, the last quarter being estimated, set against the comparable figures for 2019 and a budget for 2021. I also enclose a copy of our "Charity Overview" page from the Charity Commission website showing the income and expenditure figures from our 2019 Financial Return.

As you will appreciate, the current situation is unprecedented. Prior to the Covid lockdown in March, the village hall continued to be used by a wide range of local individuals and organisations operating in areas including health, fitness and welfare and education, fundraising for local charities, public meetings and public representation and private entertainment by local people. The Hall was also hired by the hour by some local businesses.

The Hall was closed completely until July in accordance with government regulations. The Committee then had the option of reopening or keeping it closed. The latter would probably have been financially prudent, but we were fortunate in receiving a special grant of £10,000 from Winchester City Council and it seemed right that this should be used for the benefit of local people in accordance with the terms of our Trust. We are also fortunate in having substantial reserves based on the hard work and prudence of members of the Committee in the past. The new heating system installed with the support of Hampshire County Council is now operational and is forecast to substantially reduce our electricity costs, which will help. Nevertheless it is clear that our income will be very small and that operating expenses will substantially exceed income for many months to come.

Background information on the Village Hall is available on the village website.

Yours sincerely



pp Jeremy Barber  
Chairman  
Trustees of the Warnford Village Hall