

NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE HALL POLICY

The village hall is a community facility that is available to the residents of the Parish for community-related recreational activities. It is run by a committee of the Parish Council. The committee will make every effort to integrate the activities and management of the Village Hall with the operations of the Playing Fields Trust which exists as a separate charitable body

Use for Private or Commercial Purposes

Subject to not being required for local community activities the hall may be booked for a private function or for commercial use. However, such use needs to be balanced against, and should not over-ride, the use of the Hall for local activities.

Funding

The Village Hall will be run on a strictly 'not for profit' basis. The committee will set hiring rates on the basis that the Village Hall should as far as possible be self-funding. However, in doing so it must be careful not to be seen to undercut or compete with any similar commercial activities. Such action would be deemed to be unfair competition and could prejudice the Parish Council's ability to reclaim VAT on Village Hall expenditure, since the Parish Council may only reclaim VAT on non-business activities.

A review of the policy shall be undertaken bi-annually (or as appropriate) and necessary amendments will be undertaken by the Clerk and reported to the full council for approval.

The Council will undertake to ensure that its members and employees are trained in the processes required by this policy as deemed appropriate.

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