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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

With the approaching Winter, time was spent on updating and anticipating several policies, including one for the Village Hall, besides the first draft of the budget for next year which now awaits CDC grant declaration.

The Village Hall continues to be in financial balance running on a not for profit basis to provide community related recreation, aiming to be careful not to be seen to undercut or compete with any similar commercial activities, which might be deemed to be unfair competition and thus prejudice the Parish Council's ability to claim VAT on its expenditure. Terry Reed the independent caretaker continues to provide a 'fantastic' service incorporating the booking system into his duties. He is supported by the management group who perform many extra activities not often recognised by the public such as the monthly inspections for the concerns of Health and Safety, or P.A.T testing for the electrical devices.

Some voluntary help will also be needed to maintain the brand new Canal Path running from Canal Mead to Church Road. Finished at the end of October some litter and debris still remain at the edges so could that collector be you? Reports from users so far, say how splendid it is to walk safely away from the noise and pollution of the traffic.

Both telephone boxes have been acquired by the Council though it may be several weeks before B.T. remove the final connections. Do you as a resident have any bright ideas for their continuing presence, now mobile phones have made these boxes redundant?. Swopping libraries, plant exchanges, with sale and want advertisements have all been suggested.

An external report from the liaison group of the Green Recycling, Composting setup situated on the HDA, (managed by the Woodhorn Business Enterprise), gave news that the company's attention to skills and safety procedures for operators on that site, although not effective in preventing the tragic unfortunate accident it allowed the coroner to record the verdict as accidental death. Fewer and fewer complaints of obnoxious smells are being experienced or recorded another example of the quality of the management.

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