

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Another Covid 19 disruptive year for everyone! The Village Hall remained open for as long as Government guidelines allowed – an “on/off” situation throughout the year.

We were able to successfully apply to East Suffolk Council for a Bounce back Grant of £4828.80 towards the cost new chairs, and surround sound speakers for the 65” Smart TV.

We managed to squeeze in working parties on the Playing Field in May and August with numerous volunteers from both Bealings Villages helping to clear leaves, repair rabbit holes, spread two tons of topsoil and repair equipment. The Trustees had unsuccessfully tried to repair the Huck (spinning net) and so called in contractors to replace the rotten wooden poles at a cost of over £2k. The contractors were also unsuccessful on their first attempt and we’re awaiting their return to complete the job.

New litterbin liners and safety barriers were installed (self-help) during September. Contracted repairs to the Zip Wire completed, Huck awaiting dryer weather.

Working closely with our District Councillor in November, our chairman was able to obtain a grant of £900.00 to refurbish the Committee Room installing new carpets, blinds and heaters and self-help painting. Future projects are:

Repaint the exterior

Replace guttering/facias

Replace doors and entryway

The Sports Court annual subscription was set at £30.00 p.a. for local residents which will be unchanged from 1st April this year. We used the down time when court was closed due to Covid restrictions to pressure wash the court and spray with moss killer. This was repeated again in January/February.

Contractors came in January and cleared overhanging branches from the farm side of the fence - a safety hazard at a shared cost of £3,340 with the landowner adjoining the playing field.

The Trustees of the Village Hall greatly appreciate the donations given each year by the two Parish Councils towards the upkeep of the hall and playing field.