

Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall Committee

Report: 19th March 2024

The committee sent out surveys to every household in Hemswell and Harpswell but the response was a little disappointing as we only had 13 responses and 3 of those were committee members! As a committee we are unsure what this means for the future running of the village hall.

We are holding our AGM on Saturday 20th April at 10am and welcome villagers to attend in support of the village hall and play park. We have two members resigning at this AGM (Tina Ramsay and Rosemary Jackson) so this leaves us with only 3 members/trustees which isn't sufficient to continue so we're hoping others come forward at this meeting to increase the number to at least five.

The Electrical report has been completed and work was carried out to meet the necessary standards along with the annual fire extinguisher service. All invoices have been paid and the accounts are up to date.

The village hall committee are looking into purchasing a key safe to allow access for hirers to help relieve the demands on the committee and this is something that will take minimal effort but a positive step. We have also created a "hirers agreement" which will be left in the hall for hirers to read and sign.

We held our first May Day planning meeting on the 14th March and we had a really positive meeting so would like to thank all the volunteers who attended or showed an interest in helping for May Day 2024 to go ahead! We have lots of plans and bookings already so already have a date for our next planning meeting which is on 18th April at 7pm in the Village hall to confirm the plans for the day. We also have dance practice dates in the diary which will take place at 6pm at the Maypole on 22nd, 24th, 26th, 29th April and 1st and 3rd May as well as final dress rehearsal on the day at 10am.

We've advertised May Day 2024 in the Trent Gazette along with inviting new members to join our committee so we hope to have another update after the AGM.