

# **Woolstone Community Centre**

## **Chair's Report**

**November 2021**

### **Intoduction**

Although this report relates to the activity of the centre between April 2020 and March 2021, it will also raise issues that have occurred between that period and the time of writing. For all of the financial year 20/21, the restrictions of Covid 19 have been in place. This has impacted our activities and income as shown in the financial report. We have however continued to support our users who, at the time of writing, have largely returned.

### **Finance**

As predicted in last year's report, our financial position was strong enough to withstand a year's loss of income. We are very grateful to Jane Preedy, our treasurer, for steering us through this difficult time.

### **Asset Transfer**

Although Asset Transfer, is outside the timescale of this report, it is a most important matter on our agenda. In May 2021, we were approached by Milton Keynes Council with the news that they were planning to Asset Transfer the ownership of the Community Centre and Church to Campbell Park Parish Council prior to the end of the current financial year. The matter was discussed in Council by Campbell Park who were of the view that, for a number of reasons, they did not want to pursue the matter at the present time. MKC then approached the Diocese of Oxford to see if they were interested and that is where the matter currently rests.

### **Improvements to the Building**

Woolstone Community Centre committee take very seriously their responsibility to look after the building and are currently investigating the possibility of upgrading the toilets and re-decorating the inside of the building.

### **Caretaking**

We are delighted to report that Mary Sexton has joined our team as the Caretaker. She will be responsible for the management of bookings and the day-to-day running of the building

### **Community Centre Web Site**

The site is now up and running and can be explored at:

*[woolstonecommunitycentre.co.uk](http://woolstonecommunitycentre.co.uk)*

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The committee is currently consulting about activities in the Village for the Platinum Jubilee. The two front runners are: Cream Teas in the Centre on Saturday and/or Sunday and a DiY Party on one of the village green spaces. Please let us know at the AGM what you think.

### **Conclusion**

We believe the Community Centre is well managed and very much hope it will continue to be supported. I am extremely grateful to all the members of the committee for their hard work, commitment and time.

Finally, if any of you are planning to organise a village wide activity of any sort, do please let us know as we would be delighted to support you in any way we can. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on Zoom at the AGM.

John Howard

Chair of Village Hall Committee

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