

#### **Item 4: Chairman's Report**

I have now been Chairman only since September 2017, but once again the difficulty in appointing to officer posts on the Village Hall Committee has arisen. We have been without a Secretary since November 2017 & we will be without a Treasurer in September 2018 as Alison then intends to return to full time employment. We have been able to appoint a minutes secretary for which we are very grateful, but if neither the Secretary or Treasurer posts are filled by September, I will have no alternative but to invoke the "Statutory Power of Amendment S280 of the Charities Act 2011" & wind up the Village Hall Committee with the Parish Council taking over as Trustee, as was very nearly the case at the AGM in 2016. I sincerely hope that it doesn't come to this, but it is up to the present Committee Members, their supporters & village residents as a whole to avoid this situation coming to pass. Having said that, the small number of hard working & committed members of the Village Hall Committee is to be congratulated on what they achieved during 2017.

In fundraising terms, excellent results were realised with full financial details contained in the following Treasurer's Report. Events included a Wine Tasting, 2 Big Breakfasts, Swells' Fete, Cotswold School Car Parking, Valuation Day, Quiz Night, Hot Fingers Concert, Film Club, 100 Club & weekly Coffee Mornings. In addition, the money raised enabled the Committee to install new heating & lighting with help from a 75% grant from Gloucestershire Environmental Trust, to purchase a new dishwasher & cooker, develop the Parish Council & Village Hall Committee Website & to purchase many other smaller items to both enhance the Village Hall itself & to improve the Hall's hiring potential. More details will be covered in the Booking Clerk's & 100 Club's following reports.

All in all, 2017 was a very satisfactory year in many respects. The one area of concern is that covered at the beginning of my report which I hope can be addressed so that I have the pleasure of continuing as Chairman & presenting a Chairman's Report in 2019.

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Chairman  
Swell Village Hall Committee