## **Benson Parish Council**



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## **Halls Committee Annual Report 2018**

I would like to thank all the Parish Staff team for their help, diligence and hard work in what has been a very challenging year. I would also like to thank my fellow committee members and the other councillors for their continued support and dedication to the Village and the Council. It is fair to say that at the beginning of last year I don't think any of us would have expected to have two key members of our council leave but I think we have shown how well a good team can work together to achieve results and for that my thanks.

The Halls Committee have been very much involved in progressing the Hall improvement project.

We have now got planning permission and have formed a working group to deal with the huge volume of paperwork and meetings needed to make progress.

The plans have been submitted for Building Regulations approval. We are currently looking at appointing a structural engineer, putting out building tenders, comparing various designs for heating, kitchen and last but not least toilets.

We have also continued to make progress with our programmed maintenance works.

## Works carried out in our buildings during 2017-2018

- The floor in the main Parish Hall has been refurbished; including new carpet tiles and sanding, replacement of wood where necessary and resealing of the wooden flooring.
- We have had to replace the dishwasher and water boiler in the main kitchen
- Emergency replacement of the two boilers in the Parish Hall
- We have provided new crockery for our users
- Installed a new PA system which has a built in Aux system and is Bluetooth compatible
- The lounge has been given a facelift with the replacement of the old furniture with new folding tables and two types of chairs

Cllr Teresa McTeague, Chair of Halls Committee 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018