

THE VILLAGE HALL FUND

The Fund was started in 1937 when a Chenies resident donated £50 for a hall. Several functions were organised to raise further funds and the Rector was custodian. At the end of December 1972 the Fund amounted to c £1,400 which lay on deposit at the bank, thus constantly deteriorating in real value. The PCC decided to register the Fund with the Charity Commissioners, and in December 1974 the Fund (then c £1,650) was transferred to the custody of three trustees representing the Parochial Church Council, the Parish Council and the Village Society. Today the Fund amounts to c £7,360.

The Trustees feel that with the refusal of the Church Authorities to assist in any way to make available land for a Village Hall on the present Glebe land and the fact that even with grants which may be available only some £20,000 could be raised to build a hall, should land become available, that there was no reasonable possibility of applying the Fund for the construction of a hall.

They resolved therefore to invite comment from the three bodies that they represent with a view to obtaining the agreement of the Charity Commissioners to widen the object of the Fund.

The following have been suggested:

1. That the Fund be used in some way to facilitate the use of the Hall at Chenies School - possibly to subsidise the use by suitable applicants
2. That the Fund be committed to a project which the Parochial Church Council has in hand, to build a parish hall at St George's Church on Amersham Common, Chenies Village to have free use
3. That the Fund continues in the custody of the Trustees who would consider applications for grants for projects of benefit to the residents of Chenies from appropriate bodies, ie the Village Society, Parish Council, etc.
The Fund currently has an annual income of c £500.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. How long have you lived in the village?
 2. Do you support Suggestion 1?
 3. Do you support Suggestion 2?
 4. Do you support suggestion 3?
 5. Do you have alternative suggestion to put forward?
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