**Addingham Community Library**

**(Charity no. 1144135)**

**Trustees Annual Report November 2017 – October 2018**

Location

The library continued to function from the temporary portakabin next to the Mem Hall. Volunteers have managed the confined area extremely well and we thank them for their continuing commitment.

The Parish Council agreed the plans for the refurbished Old School Room. They were drawn up by Richard Crooks Partnership. In April a visit was arranged for members of the Parish Council and the library to Horsforth museum, which had been redesigned by Richard Crooks Partnership. It was a useful visit.

In July an open event was held in the Mem Hall to discuss the plans for a hub on the first floor of the Old School Room. It was a successful event, attended by over 70 people. It helped to clarify what the functions of the hub will be and how it and the library will work together. The event also generated seven new volunteers.

Funding

Throughout the year Jane Markham (Parish Council Clerk) and Carol Hindle have worked tirelessly on submitting funding applications from the Parish Council to trusts, national funding agencies and local organisations for the Old School Room. Our gratitude to them is enormous. At the end of September Jane and Carol received good news from the Garfield Weston Foundation: it had decided to make a grant of £50,000 for the renovation of the Old School Room. This was welcome news and means that work on the building will begin soon. In addition, in December a donation of £214 was received from the Skipton Brass Band Concert, in July a grant of £1500 was awarded by the Chatsworth Trust and £1500 from the George Martin Trust. In August a grant of £500 was made by the R.E.Chadwick Trust. The library has contributed £6,530 towards the renovation.

The library’s own fund raising continued. In November we held a very enjoyable pie and pea supper/quiz in the mem Hall. It raised £456.40. In March a lively coffee morning was held and this brought in £274.50.

We are grateful to the Parish Council and Bradford Council for meeting the cost of hiring the cabin, and to the Mem Hall trustees for allowing the cabin to be placed on their land and for supplying electricity.

The running of the library

There are 26 volunteers as well as other helpers for coffee mornings etc. Sadly, in June, Margaret Hirst died. She had been a loyal supporter of the library.

Opening hours have been reduced slightly but the library remains open three days a week. The role of the volunteer coordinators has been shown to be crucial, particularly in terms of supporting the volunteers who are on duty and in identifying training needs, for example for computing.

Bradford Council’s Library Department has maintained its support, showing its understanding of the restrictions on space in the temporary location. The council’s regular exchange of books has continued.

Trustees meetings

Trustees met once during the year. As two trustees are parish councillors (one the chair) and two are volunteer coordinators it was easy to keep in touch with the Parish Council’s plans for the Old School Room and with the running of the library.

Finance

The balance in September was £19,500 (before £6,530 was transferred to the Parish Council. Copies of the income and expenditure sheet will be available at the AGM.

Concluding comments

To some extent it has been a year of marking time for the library, waiting for the refurbishment of the Old School Room to begin. On the other hand, it has been a very active year because of Carol Hindle’s work with the Parish Clerk on fund raising. Work on the building will be watched with interest and a sense of anticipation that soon the library’s return will be possible.

Trustees: Adrian Naylor (chair), Paul Henderson (Secretary), Pauline Margiotta (Treasurer). Pat Nayler, Catherine Coates, Carol Hindle

31st October 2018