

Running a village hall.

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Community First

It should be easy.... Right??

- The provision of a box in which public, social and other activities can take place.









Not all halls are simple boxes.

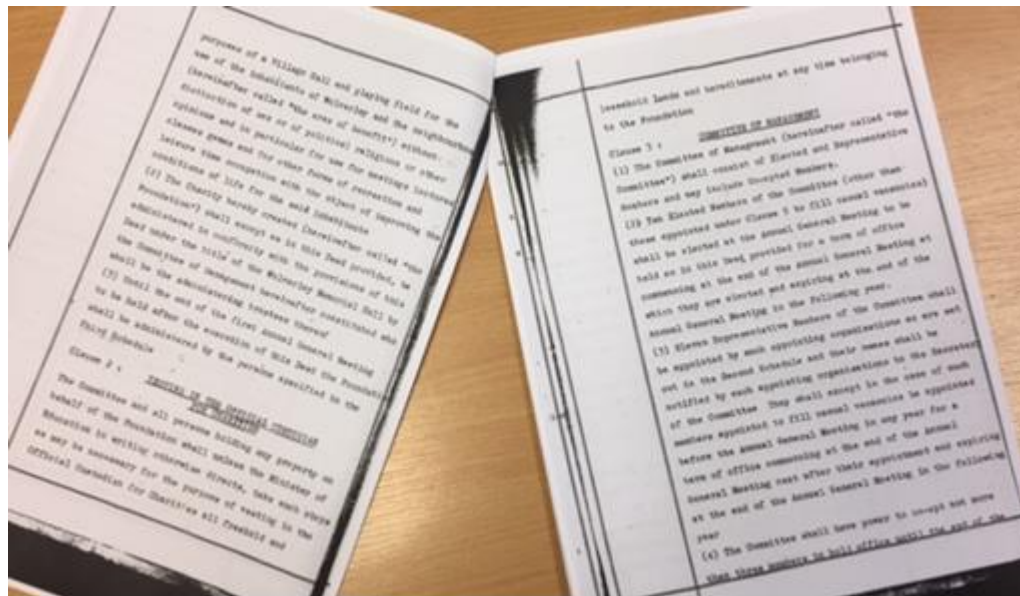
- A number of rooms to hire.
- Kitchen
- Toilets
- Carparks
- Storage space

More than a box!

- Cellars
- Attached flat or house
- Play areas
- Sports pitches
- Shop or post office

How are halls managed?

- Usually as independent charities with a specialist Trust Document/Constitution



The powers of the Committee

- Set out in gov doc.
- Charged with providing/maintaining the venue – not activities.
- Can do anything that is legal and in line with their duty to the hall – the Custodians must obey their lawful instruction.
- In hiring out the hall the interests of the hall must be protected.

Risk Assessments

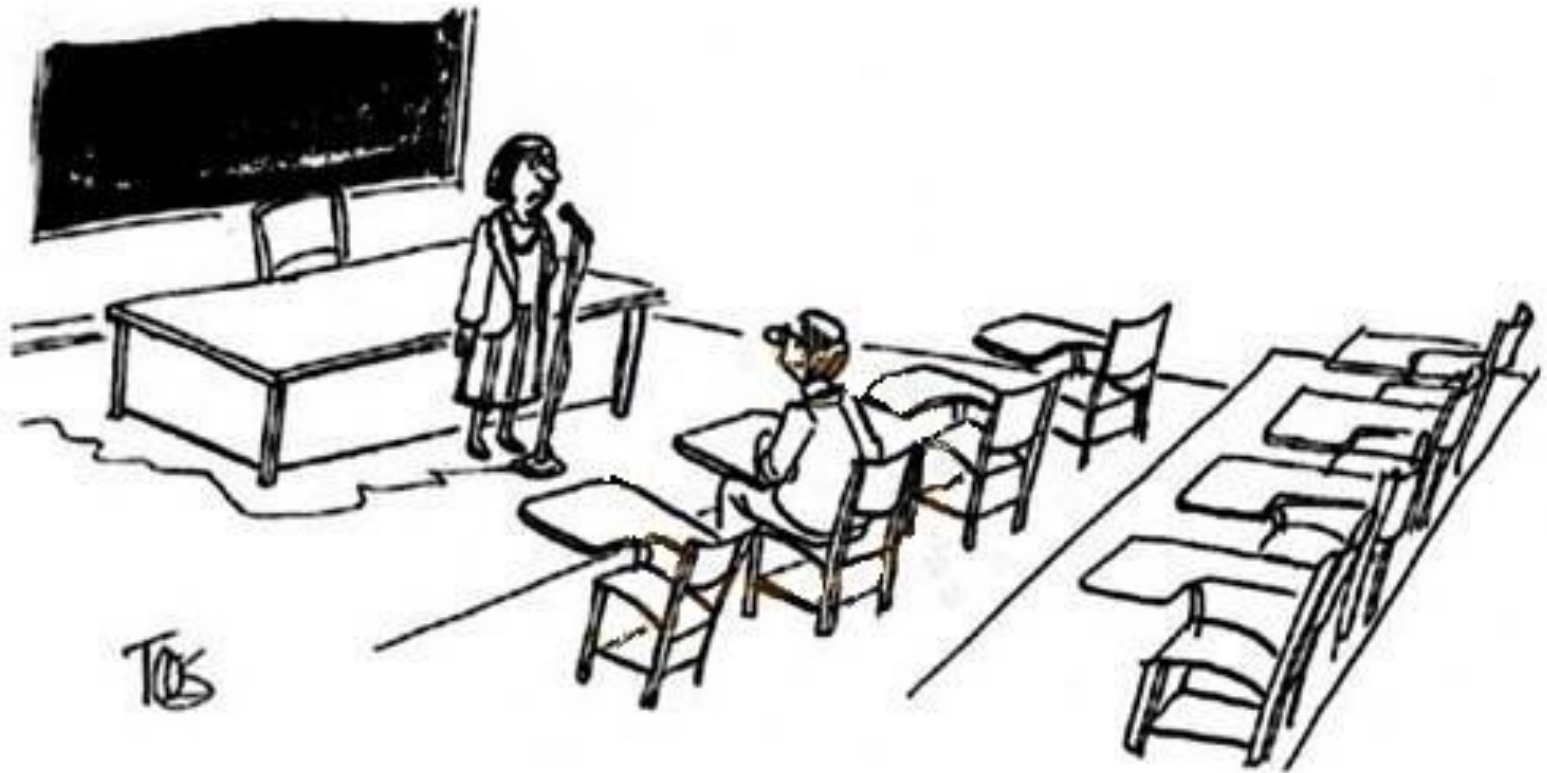


"Well he certainly does a very thorough risk analysis."

Extra considerations

- Maintaining the hall
- Fundraising
- Data Protection
- Protection of vulnerable adults
- Finding volunteers
- Promoting the hall.

Volunteers



"Of course, the first rule of effective management is active participation."

Problems and Challenges

- Parish Councils – misunderstandings
- Community Expectations
- Neighbours
- Problem hirers
- Losing governing documents
- Nurseries – good bits and bad.
- Finding the time to do everything.
- New legislation.



"Never mind how the politicians hold their meetings nowadays—go and pick Mrs. Baggleigh up at once."

Some good ideas.

- Want more volunteers – just ask
- Need funding – talk to Jem but I can help too.
- New activities – a poll for residents.
- Insulate and become energy efficient.
- Build flexibility into your hall.
- Charge simply and appropriately.