

COVID-19 UPDATE

STAPELEY COMMUNITY HALL

RE-OPENING ARRANGEMENTS

As residents will be aware, the Community Hall has been closed since 23 March 2020. Once the lockdown arrangements were relaxed and various public venues were re-opened, the Parish Council discussed arrangements for the re-opening of the Community Hall.

At its July 2020 meeting the Council considered the most up-to-date government guidance relating to the opening of all multi-use community facilities. As a result of that, a Covid-19 compliant risk assessment was commissioned and carried out, and at its meeting on 17 August 2020, that risk assessment was reviewed. There are significant measures which need to be put in place before the hall can safely be opened again, but we are working towards that.

The next meeting of the Council is 21 September 2020 when the matter will be considered again. This facility is a valuable community asset and the Council is keen for it to be brought back into use as soon as it is safe to do so. To this end, this will be discussed at each monthly meeting.

As a reminder, Council meetings are held remotely, via Zoom, and members of the public are able to observe those meetings by clicking into the link on the agenda which is published on the website at least three days before each meeting.

In the meantime, all the regular users of the hall have been contacted to ask when they themselves would wish to resume their activities, but up to now there have been only two responses. In view of this, the Council believes that there is no requirement for the hall to be re-opened at this time, but the situation will continue to be closely monitored.

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk.

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