## LOPPINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The village hall committee would like to acknowledge the support of the Parish Council.

The last year has been taken up with the repairs to the village hall.

As you are aware the Parish Council kindly granted us £15,000 towards the cost of getting the roof properly insulated which was achieved towards the end of October 2023. The actual cost of completing that task was £23,850 and the village hall committee made up the difference with a further £8,850 from our funds.

Upon completion of the roof, we then set about replacing the hall lights with LED lights, a secondary layer of insulation above the dropped ceiling and replacing all of the wall lights and ceiling panels. This cost a further £8,400 which was also funded by the hall committee.

We have grant applications submitted in respect of further works and are awaiting the results of those.

There are a number of ancillary tasks to perform as a matter of urgency, such as the repair of the rear porch and repairing the front wall.

At the last committee meeting it was decided that our fund raising efforts should continue and we should wait for the results of our applications before embarking onto the drylining of the walls.

It should be noted that with the upgrades that have already been made there is a distinct improvement in the efficiency of the heating and lighting.

I am told by the Parish Council that the new lease has now been signed. I am standing down as chairman of the village hall committee at the AGM in April and would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for your collective support.

I hope you are pleased with our efforts to date and we will get to the dry-lining stage when funds permit.

Yours sincerely,

David Sharpe Chairman