

## **Grey Village Hall**

The Grey Village Hall is currently registered as a charity under the Deed of Conveyance of 1926 when the land was given to the trustees by Katharine Grey “for the purpose of erecting thereon a Village Hall for the use of inhabitants residing in the Parish of Sutton on the Forest” “as a place of recreation & social intercourse for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said Parish.” “If the hall cannot be maintained for the purposes aforesaid the said piece of land & buildings shall revert to & become the property of the current owner of Sutton Hall Estate”

The present committee of trustees of the Grey Village Hall under the current arrangement are personally liable for what the Grey Village Hall charity does and two of its trustees are the Holding Trustees. The Holding Trustees as designated in the 1926 deed are the owner of Sutton Park, Sir Reginald Sheffield & the vicar of Sutton on the Forest, Rev Steve Whiting. Currently the hall is not registered with the Land Registry, however we are in the process of registering the Grey Village Hall with the Land Registry in the names of the two Holding Trustees. We have taken advice from the Charity Commission and from Rural Action Yorkshire and they advise the best way forward would be for the Grey Village Hall to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO.) This sounds very official but in reality it will protect the future of the hall & anyone who becomes a trustee in the future will NOT be personally liable for what the charity does.

Once the hall is registered with the Land Registry and the trustees have agreed the wording of the new constitution using the Model Document for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as agreed by the Charity Commission we will hold a General Meeting open to the public of Sutton on the Forest. At this meeting, which we hope to hold in October 2017 in the Grey Village Hall, we will discuss and explain the situation fully. The plan is to secure the future of the hall and its activities and bring the organisation up to date rather than under the 1926 guidance. There is no plan to change the activities or ethos of the hall. Only if the residents of Sutton on the Forest agree to this proposal can we apply to become a CIO.

We cannot yet give a date for the public meeting, as we have to go through due process to register with the Land Registry, which will take time. However we will announce the date on the village web site as well as on the village notice boards.

25/7/17

Elisabeth Smale