

Tomlin Hall: Bickington's Village Hall.

Annual Report to the Parish.

The Tomlin Hall has continued to provide a venue for local activities from the W.I. and Brownies, to Pilates and dog (human) training. In addition to regular hiring there have been some one off events such as children's parties and fabric sales. In summary the Hall activity is such that it is balancing its books.

The major focus of the committee has been the potential renovation of the Hall. This has become closer to reality with greater clarity about current s106 monies, and the likelihood of further funding in the future. The Committee has instructed an architect to consider the replacement of the roof, and the remodelling of internal structures. This follows on from three surveys carried out on the building.

The Tomlin Hall is surrounded by a modern development off North Lane called Highfields. The developers will be enlarging the Hall carpark, and are constructing a "village green" adjacent to the carpark. The first phase of the development (15 houses) will be completed this year. Another 50 will be built in phase 2 – an additional community for the hall to serve.

The Hall's committee is aware that while renovation is the central issue other it issues remain to be dealt with. One of these is the legal matter of bringing the governing document up to date. This has implications for both Parish and Hall.

Marc Binns. Chair Tomlin Hall Management Committee. 16.02.2023