

## **Village Hall Committee – Report to Parish Council Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

This report has been prepared after a member of the public queried the management responsibility for the Village Hall.

This has been investigated by both the Parish Clerk and the Village Hall Management Committee.

It transpired that this was not the first time that this question had been raised.

The Deed setting up the Charity in January 1936 allocated to the Charity

*“land containing 330 square yards or thereabouts, situate in the Parish of Brinningham, together with thee buildings erected thereon and known as the Brinningham Village Hall”*

There is correspondence between the Village Hall Management Committee and the Charity Commission in 2006 wanting to ascertain whether there had been a transfer of the land to the Parish Council.

The response from the Charity Commission stated:

*To enable a transfer of the holding trusteeship to the Parish Council may have required a divesting (and vesting in other body) order of the Commission. We have very limited records for this charity which unfortunately do not include a copy of such order.*

There are also no records of such a transfer held by either the Parish Council or the Village Hall Trustees.

We therefore have no option but to conclude that such a transfer did not take place and that the Village Hall and the land that it sits on remain the responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee