2019 was a year of consolidation as the committee from 2018 continued to work well acknowledging and working towards each other’s strengths and implementing systems and safety to increase the number of services users for village hall.

Two sets of accounts have been prepared, one for Burtle Village Hall and the other for the Burtle Village Hall Enterprises Ltd, the commercial arm created to manage the bar.

**Burtle Village Hall Enterprises Limited**

The accounts were prepared by me and reviewed by Karen Nobes of Polden Accountants for submission to Companies’ House. Turnover was £5,154, which showed a small decrease of £436 on 2018, cost of sales was £1,958 showing a healthy reduction of £672 on 2018 resulting in a gross profit of £3,916. A small increase of £236 on 2018 which was a great result as the actual turnover for the bar had decreased from previous year.

The bar is managed by Tracy and Mark with help of volunteers. To encourage more volunteers the committee has agreed to pay £20 per the event for their services. Anyone interested should get in touch with any of the committee members.

After administrative expenses the contribution payable to the Village Hall account was £2,456, which shows an increase of £556 on 2018. This was the first year were £60 was paid to volunteers helping behind the bar.

**Burtle Village Hall**

At the start of the year the opening balance was £12,281 a healthy increase of £2,493 on 2018. Total income for 2019 of £13,950 which includes bar profits that showed an increase of £1,159 on 2018. In 2019 we have seen an impressive increase of 23.5% on hall rental income which has been due to more regular bookings, social media marketing resulting in more bookings for hall hire from wider area. Function income also showed an increase 20% on 2018. Due to low attendance for grumpy men’s breakfast the committee has decided to have breakfast on special occasions only, hence 2019 saw a decrease of £810 in income.

The total expenditure for 2019 was £11,890, an increase of £1,592. The major increase in expenses was of £1,379 in hall maintenance and £690 in cleaning. The increases in expenses are explained in more details on next page. All other expenses were comparable to 2018 expenses.

For 2019 we are pleased to report a profit of £2,060 and a closing balance of £14,341.

**Notable variations are as follows:**

Income:

* Function income – Increased by £423 – 20%
* Hire of hall – increase by £1,449 – 23.6% - Standardisation & marketing
* Community coffee morning- £203 – New income this year.
* Profit from bar – Increase £556 – better prices and stock control.

Expenses:

* Hall Maintenance – Increase by £1,379 - £600 Plumbing - new pipe system, £490 for Materials for storage system and £309 on Security system.
* Cleaning costs – Increase by £690 - £120 for window cleaning new expense this year, and Hall cleaning twice a week due to increase in number of service users.
* GMBE Expenses – decrease by £451 – due low attendance.

**Summary**

Overall, the hall made a healthy profit of £2,060 which was due an increase in bar profit, hall hire and function Income. Many thanks to Tracy and Mark for managing the bar for us, Helen for catering and marketing and Steve for bookings for hall hire. Café Burtle seems to be well attended and continues to generate income for the hall and the committee would like to extend a huge thank you to Maureen and Jenny for their regular commitment. Community coffee mornings, new this year, has been well attended and enjoyed by people from villages around the area and many thanks to Elaine and Heather for all their hard work. I would like to take this opportunity for thanking Ieuan for taking over from Steve as Hall Manager and doing a great job. I cannot forget Jayne, a big thank you for all her hard work in printing the posters, tickets for the events and monthly newsletter.

Now where would we be without great leadership of our chair Lyn. Despite personal problems Lyn has worked hard and often produced minutes for meetings and taken charge of Burtle 100 club. What a year we have had achieving level 1 and 2 Hallmark, but not contented with that Lyn is working towards level 3, glutton for punishment!! Many thanks Lyn from the committee for all your hard work and achievements

Finally, I would like to thank Steve for his long service to village hall committee and other committees. It has been great pleasure to work with Steve and I will miss him but I wish him all the best for future.