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Questions & Answers

Why is this change happening?

The Parish Council received legal advice confirming that under the constitution the Playing Fields Committee are the managing trustees for the Village Hall. The Council's role is as custodian trustee, holding the land and buildings on behalf of the charity but is not responsible for the day-to-day running. This change simply restores the correct management arrangements as originally intended.

What is a Managing Trustee?

Managing trustees are the individuals or committee members responsible for running a charity's property and facilities on a daily basis. They make decisions about maintenance, repairs, insurance, bookings and general use, following the charity's Constitution and charitable objectives.

What is a Custodian Trustee?

A custodian trustee is a body (like a Parish Council) that holds the legal title to the land or property for safekeeping but does not manage or control it. The custodian trustee's role is to act on the lawful instructions of the managing trustees, ensuring the property remains securely held in trust for community benefit.

What will happen to the Hall?

The Parish Council will continue managing the hall as it is until the handover is complete, at which point responsibility will transfer to the Long Riston Playing Fields Committee.

What happens after the handover will be at the discretion of the Playing Fields Committee.

When will the change happen?

The handover will be completed by 31 March 2026 at the latest, though it may take place sooner if agreed between the Parish Council and the Playing Fields Committee.

Will this affect my bookings?

Regular and booked users are being contacted directly about the transition. During the handover, all relevant booking information will be passed to the Playing Fields Committee so they can manage future bookings and enquiries once the change takes place.

Who will I contact in the future to book the Hall?

Until the handover is complete, bookings continue through the Parish Council in the usual way. Once the transfer is finalised, the Playing Fields Committee will provide new contact details, which will be shared publicly on noticeboards, the website, and social media.