

[Boston Spa Village Hall change of charitable structure](#)

The management committee of Boston Spa Village Hall would like to inform the residents of Boston Spa that they wish to apply to the Charities Commission to set up a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) called “Boston Spa Village Hall”

Why?

The Village Hall is currently run by an unincorporated charity called “The Trustees Hall Boston Spa” charity number 523496. An unincorporated charity has no legal personality (the ability to enter contracts, sue and be sued, or to hold property in its own name). This means that at present the charity cannot hold the legal title to the hall and struggles to attract external funding.

Currently Boston Spa Parish Council are ‘custodians’ of the title deeds of the hall, on behalf of the trustees. Furthermore, the current trustees must enter into contracts on a personal level (employment, supplier, contractor etc).

The current situation is old fashioned and not fit for purpose.

What will happen?

The trustees will apply to the Charities Commission to set up a new CIO called “Boston Spa Village Hall”. Once established, all the assets of the current charity will be transferred to the new charity, including the title deeds, and the current charity will be wound up.

Advantages

As the land and buildings will now be held by the new charity “Boston Spa Village Hall” it will safeguard the hall for future generations of Boston Spa.

The new charity can enter into contracts as it will have the legal power to do this. This will remove all liabilities from the trustees.

It will be easier to retain and recruit trustees as they will no longer be personally liable for contracts.

Have your say

If you have views or opinions that you wish to express, you can do so in the following way

By email - bsvhbookings@gmail.com

By Post – Boston Spa Village Hall, 199 High Street, Boston Spa, LS23 6AA

This consultation shall be open from Thursday 6th May 2021 until Monday 7th June 2021

Further copies of this notice can be downloaded from www.bostonspavillagehall.co.uk or by sending an SAE to the address above.