

## Community Hall Meeting 3rd September 2018

The meeting was well attended with 6 committee members in attendance.

The main discussion focused on the refurbishment of the Hall.

There is work needed in all areas but mainly the toilets where major work is required to bring them up to modern day standards. This will include the removal of the urinals and replacing with cubicles this is important because there are a large amount of children using the facilities. There will also be cubicles designated for the disabled.

The kitchen does not comply with modern day use and food preparation safety standards. There will be major work needed to bring this up to a good standard. The electrics are in a poor state and some of the wiring may need replacing including the distribution boards. The outside of the building needs attention with the upright steels that are part of the window frames need painting, the guttering needs cleaning out and the down pipes need replacing and drains clearing.

The whole committee are very keen to bring the Hall back to a good standard and make it attractive for organisation's and locals to use for their events. At the moment it is being overlooked because of the state of the toilets.

The treasure has been very active and been consulting with Dave Trisdon (HVOSS) on the fund raising and as you are aware £10,000 was granted from the lottery local improvements fund. The toilets will swallow up all of this and will need further funding to do the work correctly. A survey has been requested for energy savings and maintaining a good heat source, this is ongoing. The fund raising is a timely process and the treasurer is working hard to approach those funds that may be available.

The Hall has a good amount of regular bookings and has started a new web site to encourage more bookings. MAGNA which has been the main users of the Hall has increased their usage and will run some of their productions from the Hall. They have also spent money replacing the stage curtains but also more importantly they have replaced the window curtains which will help to conserve the heat.

For a long time it has been said that the Hall and Social Club are responsible for the maintenance and repairs to the buildings in accordance with their leases. This has been complied with to a certain extent financed by the income from the hiring of the Hall. The finances has had its ups and downs and going by the statement of accounts it is just about breaking even. This does not give it the chance to put aside funds for a refurbishment program because the size and type of building needs a lot of work for modern day standards. The committee is actively fund raising to carry out this work.

I would like to ask for a proposal that the Parish Council seek a costing for the work needed for the outside of the building and make provision for this work to be carried out.

It is important that this resource is preserved for the use of all the villagers and I feel gives good reason for the Parish Council to assist.

Terry Smissen

Parish Council representative to the Community Hall.