

Whimple Village Hall

Minute of the meeting of the Strategy Sub-Committee held on 25 February 2019

Present:	
Maria Wallis (MW)	Chair & School Rep
Chris Olive (CO)	Treasurer
Hilary Nowill (HN)	Incoming Secretary
Ali Tierney (AT)	Booking Secretary
Bob Scanlan (BS)	
Rob Davis (RD)	Front Row Club
David Myers (DM)	

1. **Cricket Club:**

MW updated the meeting on the conversations with Roger Smith and Jon Silk at the Cricket Club. It is clear that the proposals for the development of the cricket pavilion are in their infancy: it appears that it will focus on better changing facilities and a larger social area. There is no indication of funding streams, no application for planning as yet.

Conclusion seems to be that the further development of the Cricket Pavilion will not impact on the future of the Hall

ACTION: MW will update the full meeting of Trustees on 4 March.

2. **User Rep responses:**

Following the January meeting, the group considered the responses thus far received from the Hall user reps after they have consulted with their members. BS has collated these responses into a clear graph which was reviewed. To date, the responses show that the users want the hall to stay on the current site.

CO also produced the results of the Local Plan (where it applies to WVH) and these are useful and further inform the responses received so far and it was agreed these are an important reference in the discussion about the future of the hall.

ACTION: AT will chase all user groups who have not yet submitted responses – their submission must be received by Friday 1 March latest.

ACTION: BS will update the graph once these are received in order to inform the meeting on 4 March.

3. **Consultation:**

The article in Whimple News has already elicited a couple of responses but these will be considered when the consultation to the wider village is made. Agreed the consultation will include:

- a questionnaire be devised for the Village
- information be put on Whimple What's On Facebook page
- continuing articles in Whimple News
- public meeting

ACTION: All Trustees be asked to deliver a batch of the questionnaires so that the whole village is involved in the consultation. Discussion about timings for responses - this will be confirmed at Monday's meeting.

ACTON: BS has started drafting a questionnaire (referencing similar done by other village halls in similar situations) and will continue working on this for this Sub-Committee to agree.

4. Two groups are in an unusual position:

The Parish Council: it has 3 aspects of involvement which put the PC in an unusual position when considered alongside other hall users:

- As custodial trustee (holding the deeds) with no decision making powers
- As a user
- As the Parish Council (precept)

The Hall itself: it seems appropriate for the Hall to respond to have an input to the discussion, submitted by the Maintenance Sub-Committee as they are more aware than any other group of the priorities for the preservation of the current hall.

5. **Financial:**

John Griffiths has indicated to MW that he knows a group of businessmen who were involved with the Shard, London and he will be approaching them to see if there is appetite to assist with the future of the Hall. MW is waiting hearing further.

AT has compiled a list of user groups, how often they have bookings (referencing a 1 month period), income, and what rooms are used. This will be valuable when considering whether there should be weighting given to the different groups dependent on the amount of use of the hall.

6. **Priorities:**

In the previous meeting DM had been tasked with obtaining quotes for the floor. 3 quotes have been received ranging from £22k to £8k. The specification of each quote varies and these were discussed. A decision is required regarding the work to the floor at Monday's meeting as the work can only be done in the school holidays 2019, after VPA, regardless of whether a new hall is to be built elsewhere (if funding is obtained). The reason for urgency is due to the increasing number of reported accidents relating to the hall, and our responsibility to members safety. The Trustees will need to be clear that this is necessary funds which need to be spent now, regardless of whether

ACTION: MW will ask 4 March meeting to agree that the work to the floor commence this summer.

If it is agreed that the Hall remain on the current site, and there are no funds for a total rebuild, a list of priority works will need to be drawn up.