Hi Ali

I am not 100% sure about my opinion what the next step for the hall.

In an ideal world I do feel that the hall should be rebuilt as the building is so far down the line as far as repairs are needed. I completely understand that this is not viable at the moment.

I feel that the building desperately needs to have some work done on it. The main areas that I see are as a parent the extremely dangerous nature of the main hall flooring which is now becoming unfit for the amount of use. This should not wait any longer than is absolutely necessary to be rectified, definitely no longer than 6 months. For my business point of view, the kitchen in no way has the feel of a clean space to cook in, I would think that if a new customer was coming to put on an event the state of the mould would put off any catering events. I remove all my own eating utensils each day and keep all toys boxed as far as possible as I do worry about health and safety.

To me the community needs to be involved in this as this hall main purpose is to provide for the village. There should be a community meeting to discuss and see what ideas come up. I do not think a questionnaire is suitable as it does not get the immediate response and discussion going, with a questionnaire the community are left not knowing what the result or point is without immediate feed back. When I have spoken to people in the village before about this there is a general frustration that no one knows what is going on with the hall, especially as other local halls are much better spaces. The community is loyal to renting the hall due to convenience rather than quality of facilities. It is a much needed space especially for the school and Preschool which are the life blood of this community and without which the village will greatly decline.

As was discussed at the last meeting, talking to the Cricket club about what they are planning makes sense. Working together as a community and being transparent so that the best solution is found can only be a positive thing for all concerned.