

NORTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING BETWEEN PARISH COUNCIL AND VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2020

MINUTES of the JOINT MEETING held on Monday 21st September 2020 at 7.30pm by ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE.

PRESENT (by video)

In the chair: Mr. D. Etchells-Butler,

Mr. B. Aket, Mr. C. Fakes, Mr. R. Lenko, Mrs. T. Long, Mr. S. Sadler,

Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)

LGA 1972 s12 para 40

Village Hall Reps: Mr. P. Jefferson, Mr. G. Walton, Mrs. A. Walton.

APOLOGIES: Mr. A. Taylor

1.	<p>OPENING</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting advising all of the Video Protocol for Councillors and the public to raise a hand if they wished to speak, wait to be recognized by the Chair and avoid speaking over each other and the Chair.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests</p> <p>2.1 To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature inc. gifts of hospitality exceeding £25.</p> <p>2.2 To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda - none</p> <p>2.3 To receive requests for dispensations - none</p>	
3.	<p>PUBLIC FORUM—to receive reports for information</p> <p>1. Members of the public—to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance - none</p> <p>3.2 Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email.</p>	

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4. **Norton Village Hall Management** – Invitation given to present their future plans for the Hall.

Mr. Jefferson opened his presentation by agreeing to accept any questions as they arose. He gave a background to issues stating lots of improvement projects have taken place i.e. suspended ceiling, new kitchen, new toilet block, air source heating, lighting and sound etc. designed to improve user experience. In terms of fundraising the hall has to demonstrate feedback from users so there have been regular questionnaires to users, which have steered the projects undertaken. Now the position is to sort out other comments made on the feedback ie the outside of the building aesthetically is not good. He emphasized that when putting in bids to charitable sources the Hall has to demonstrate that it has feedback from users, without which funders would not grant fund, as their concerns are particularly based on community demand and environmental. Currently the Hall has a capital maintenance bill of about £100,000 ie fabric and systems for which charitable money is not able to be raised but it could be incorporated into development/improvement work, which is why the management felt another development task could absorb these costs. Mr. Jefferson then talked through the various drawing circulated to all Councillors. The initial idea is to move out from the foyer and fire doors and wrap around to the side in an L-shape to form changing rooms, outdoor kitchen facility and toilets, all of which may be useful to users of the playing field and to those using the staging area. Fields in Trust are in agreement and supportive as they wish to encourage youth sport etc. The ground floor plan is more detailed of the wrap around and behind the stage it stretched out about 6.5m. FIT suggested terracing at the back of the hall, and supported an area on the concrete pad to create storage for the hall. When asked about potential team sport usage, Mr. Jefferson felt possible teenage 5-a-side football, teenage cricket and other field sport, and the potential use of changing area for stage use. When asked he stated no clubs in the area had yet been approached to ascertain their interest in use. Mr. Walton stated the Hall had consulted the Sports Consultant at MSDC who had highlighted what has already been mentioned. Mr. Aket sought clarification on the idea that to get the £100th for maintenance, extra development was required, so asked about maintenance of the new development if there is no demand. Mr. Jefferson said the hall is keen to develop and extend and there is evidence of demand. Mrs. Walton further clarified that the current structure of the hall would become internal and the flat roof would become pitched, so the new structure would likely need less maintenance than the old structure. Mr. Jefferson stated that if nothing is done the building is likely to deteriorate due to age. When asked about the idea muted many years ago to knock down and build a new hall, he felt that so many improvements had been made it would be a shame to do away with these capital investments. He stated that costings in relation to hiring fees meant it could be a going, commercial concern. Mr. Etchells-Butler enquired about a Business Plan, but the Management has not yet put this together as it is still too early in the process without definite costs of capital required, etc. as these are purely proposals and it may change as things progress. The cost stated of £400,000 is an approximately figure from the architect. The west and east elevation sketches show how the hall could look. The overall plan of the area showed car park spaces, the disabled spaces moved, and the grass area being meshed to stop being churned up. Mr. Etchells-Butler asked about grant funders and whether money would still be available given the current pandemic situation and Mr. Jefferson gave the list of

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5.	Close of the Meeting - there being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.16	
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