

Minutes of CCP meeting on 25th October 2018, 7pm, Memorial Hall

Committee members present: Chairman Kevin Pell, Ray Thornally, Cathy Meek, Audrey Winter, Mally Clarey, Sheila James, Birgit Gipp.

Also present were Joan Edwards, David Earth, Kevin Puddephatt as well as 11 members of the public.

Apologies: Karl Tordoff, Beverly Clarke

The chair welcomed all and explained the history of planning for the New Memorial Hall. Tony Mallett has resigned from the committee due to work and family commitments. Ray Thornalley reported on a meeting he and Karl Tordoff had with Father Andrew and Mr. Richard Brown as a member of the PCC regards the proposed lifting of the alcohol restriction on the front field. It is felt that it was a very positive meeting and all parties, including the Ely diocese agree to the lifting of the restriction subject to agreement by the PCC.

During the meeting the following issues were also raised:

The name of the new building - it is to be called the **New Memorial Hall**

Existing Plaques and Memorials - they will all be reinstated at the new hall with a fitting service. Ray gave an assurance that he will personally see to it that this will happen.

Bar area - the New Memorial Hall will **not** be a social club. There will be **no** alcohol stored on the premises. The bar area will purely be an area where a bar could be set up during special functions, i.e. a wedding for which a temporary alcohol licence would still need to be applied for.

Selling of present Memorial Hall - assurances were given that this will only happen as and when the New Memorial Hall is up and running

Queries from public:

will funding have to be repaid in future - NO

why have existing buildings not been upgraded - it was explained that there is only so much one can upgrade and that the pavilion is actually becoming structurally unsafe.

The demise of clubs and groups in the village was pointed out. The hope was expressed that with a new build new interest will be created and that all sorts of clubs and groups i. e. a cinema club, table tennis, elderly reminiscence, reading club, coffee mornings, mum's drop ins, crafts workshops etc. will start up.

The increased vehicle movements in the area were discussed.

Number of weddings was queried. Ray gave feedback on talks he has had with other village hall committees and told us that the number of weddings taking place in such venues is good.

The role of football in all this was discussed. Assurances were given that it is not all about football although the FA and Sports England hopefully will be the biggest provider of funding with up to £375 k expected. The idea and expectation is that all sorts of sports will make use of the new facility.

Pricing for hiring the hall and security i.e. CCTV were also discussed.

The question of who will run the hall was raised. It was explained that the vision is for it to be run by a committee of volunteers. The only person employed will be a cleaner as is the case at the moment.

Ray posed the question: does the village want to stand still or do we want to move forward?

All in all the consensus appears to be that the new hall is needed but there are different opinions of how to go about it.

The public also voiced their frustration of only 15 minutes being allocated to the public to speak at Parish Council meetings.

Fun day planning: dog show, bands, pricing for stalls were discussed

Marshland Archers are willing to support fun day

A.O.B.: Audrey asked for support with her event to celebrate 100 years of the Armistice to take place on Saturday at the Memorial Hall. All proceeds to go to the British Legion

Next Fun Day planning meeting: Thursday, 10th January, 7pm, Memorial Hall

Next CCP meeting: Thursday, 17th January, 7pm, Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 20.36