**Danehill Village Hall (DVH) Committee meeting**

**19th June 2017**

**Present:** **Keith Banbury (Chairman), Ingvar Svenson (Treasurer),**

**Sylvia Martin (Secretary), Sarah Norton; Emma Mills;**

**Jean Wood; John Older; Andrew Pattison**

Chairman – Keith Banbury (KB) – welcomed Andrew Pattison (AP) Parish Councillor to the committee.

Treasurer's Report:

During April there had been average takings, but May was above normal takings due to the Wealden elections.

Replacement of main flooring:

The Chairman wrote to the Parish Council Chairman and then again on 24 May 2017 asking them to review their decision on the repair instead of a replacement of the flooring for the hall. Keith Banbury pointed out that he had not received an acknowledgement of his letter. Andrew Pattison identified that  the email was received one day before PC meeting and therefore could not be added to the PC agenda for that month.

The DVH confirmed that they have received £2,500 from the previous PC towards a replacement floor and have a grant of £5,000 from Wealden. It is worth noting that this grant is specifically for a replacement floor NOT a repair and grant runs out in March 2018. If DVH have not replaced the floor by then the grant will be lost. This gives them a current total of £7,500 towards replacing the floor. DVH are requesting £6,500 from the PC for the work to be completed before winter, where the chipboard that is expanding  will start to raise the floor more. Emma Mills asked if they had received quotes for a cheaper floor on top and they have been advised that a engineered wood flooring was advised for long term use and the needs of the Hall users.

Andrew Pattison reiterated the PC stance on the replacement floor and the request for repair quotes. The DVH agreed to source a quote for repair of the floor which would be put to the Council in early July so that the Council could review the position at its July meeting. DVH did identify that there are 25+ repairs needed on the floor and the last repair for one section cost £800. They identified that if all repairs were to be completed then this would be more than the cost for a replacement floor! They also raised a point that if the facility review did identify that a new community centre was to be built this could take a minimum of 4-5yrs+ to have a new structure in place and that current facilities would have to be maintained. This means that if a repair was to done we would have an issue with the floor again before any facility was built and running. The Hall is used regularly throughout the week for different clubs and highlighted that these can’t just be stopped.

The Officers of DVH informed the committee that they had met and decided on a resolution to resign on 1st August if no agreement with the PC was found. Ingvhar Svenson expressed his concerns at the way the PC were acting reneging on the previous Council's agreement to fund half the cost of a new floor. Emma Mills pointed out that the previous Council had only approved the first payment of £2,500 and no additional sums had been officially approved and set in the PC budget for 2016-2017. They are concerned that this has dragged on and without any resolution the time period to complete any works will be lost, along with the grant of £5000 they had secured.

DVH highlighted that they have money that they have set aside to repair roofing and guttering issues and would not ask the PC for a contribution for this. They were going to do these works when the floor would be done over the summer to minimise the impact on the regular hall users.

Sylvia Martin told the meeting that she was moving house to Suffolk and would therefore be resigning from her post on the DVH committee. The Committee expressed their thanks to Sylvia for all her assistance over the past years.

Next meeting to be held on 24th July at 6pm