

Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting on 21st February 2023

Meeting at Memorial Hall, Cavendish at 7.30pm

Attendees: Finance Committee Members- Cllrs Halliday and Freeman

C R Turner-Clerk/RFO

No Members of the public

Apologies Cllr Williamott

We have received quotes for two jobs that needed doing in the Memorial Hall, Gent's toilet and Hall redecoration.

Dyno-rod had been called out to fix a blocked drain from the urinals and has discovered that there was a build-up of scale deposits in the pipes which required blasting to open up the system and avoid another problem occurring. Quote for £480 + vat and this was accepted.

Following work in the main hall the walls and windows require re-painting. The problem is that the hall is now booked out for most of the week which means the contractor will need to stagger their work. It was suggested that to reduce costs we could look at closing the hall for a week. We also need a like for like quote for the proposed work. We do have one new quote and one a few years old. The Chair is to obtain 2 new quotes for us to make a decision.

We have gone back to Wescotec for the new speed sign the quote is 10% higher than last time we purchased a SID and this is acceptable as it has been 2 years since the original was purchased. We have had some issues with SCC regarding the removal of the current sign, but it was agreed that we would go ahead regardless if we don't hear within the next week.

We have been looking at the services we receive from our self-employed staff, for village maintenance and Memorial Hall cleaning, as these haven't been reviewed for some years. We are to assess what is needed and measure against what we are getting.

The Memorial Hall usage has increased steadily, and we may need extra cleaning, Possibly in midweek. We are to approach our current contractor to see whether they could do this.

We have discovered a task list for the village cleaning and maintenance, which is outdated and needs reviewing. Cllr Freeman is to produce an updated task list for discussion.

C Turner