



Full Parish Council meeting - Supporting information – 14th November 2022

8) Fyning speeding traffic – from MH/MG

9) Youth club room

- The youth club was built at the end of the hall in 1960s by public subscription. It was separate from the hall and they fought to keep its independence for years but were eventually persuaded to agree a lease (we don't know the terms).
- The lease has been paid until the end of the year. The hall is still working with Sussex Clubs for young people to see if the YC can be re-opened but it looks increasingly unlikely.
- We understand their annual rent was £600 – for the space being used one night a week and we think it included cleaning and heating.
- How could the PC use the space? We may never get another opportunity to have our 'own' space in the village so we should consider. As well as holding our meetings in a better environment it could provide the opportunity for more involvement with parishioners; open sessions; a parish council address; proper storage/filing cabinets.....
- Costs – regular costs are likely to include insurance/council tax/cleaning while there could also be a cost in purchasing equipment for the room and preparing the lease?
- We have very tentatively approached the hall to sound them out and understandably they are going to discuss until after the end of the year. However, they have suggested they want a community space which maybe a more inviting meeting room and potentially the PC may be given first refusal. They understand the problems with booking the hall and limitations of using the pavilion when the hall is used.
- Ann was thrilled to think the club room could possibly become a PC room.

10) Emergency 'warm space' provision

- We have been working with Rogate Village Hall to investigate the possibility of creating a 'warm space' for vulnerable residents in the event of a major emergency/extended power outage. After much research, it has been agreed the best action is to install the necessary infrastructure into Rogate Village hall to allow a generator to be plugged in. This would provide electricity to allow the oil heating system to operate and to boil a kettle/charge phones/heat soup etc.
- The generator would be hired and be delivered along with a supply of the necessary fuel – total hire/running costs for a week are approx. £1,350. The PC would need to underwrite this cost as the provision is for the village not the village hall (though they will meet the heating cost).
- We have spoken to representatives from Rake but they don't feel it would work in that part of the parish – Rake hall is entirely heated by electricity and would therefore require a very much bigger generator (at approx. twice the running cost) and because Rake doesn't have the same concentration of social housing that Rogate village does. They also have a good WhatsApp group that operates allowing neighbours to help neighbours and The Flying Bull have said they have two open fires so can also offer a warm space. Residents could potentially travel to Rogate if necessary.
- The installation of the required infrastructure in Rogate Village Hall is approx. £1,500. We are awaiting a second quote.
- We have approach George Street trust for a grant (waiting for a response). We have asked SSE and CDC without success.
- The PC need to agree the installation cost and be prepared to underwrite the cost of hiring/running a generator for a week – if we are not prepared to do that there is no point installing the plug.

11) Annual parish meeting – format review

Current format doesn't work or encourage members of the public – to consider alternative ideas.

12) Meeting dates 2023

'Norm' meeting date is the second Monday of every month but two of these are on Bank holiday Mondays next year – Easter Monday and May 8th (Coronation BH). Suggest we move both meetings on a week.

Council term finishes in May when there are elections.

Annual parish meeting to be held with current councillors – so suggesting before April meeting.