

## MINUTES OF SPALDWICK VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

18 April 2016

**Present:** Grahame Leach (GL)  
Lyndy Pullan (LP)  
David Henrick (DH) Minutes Only  
Michael Robinson (MR) Spaldwick Parish Council  
Raine Thompson (RT)  
Jim White (JW) HDC  
Stephen Bowring (SB)

**Apologies:** Peter Edwards (PE)

**Declarations of Interest** None

**GL** provided a copy of the agenda.

General discussion took place about the present situation with the Village Hall Project.

The Committee decided that it was time to ask for new ideas from the residents of Spaldwick and call a General Meeting to discuss ideas/options.

There has been no recent contact from the Developer or his agent. **GL** had written to Robinson Hall to put the offer on hold- **letter on file?**

**GL** asked **SB** to report on progress with regarding the modification plans for the Church

**SB** replied that PCC are keen to do something - There is support from the Diocese and the Church of England.

The first phase would provide water and toilets - followed by work on the Chancel & Nave areas.

The Church will communicate their plans to the Village Hall Committee to avoid a conflict of interests and ensure complimentary working.

**GL** will include the report regarding the Church when he updates the Parish Council Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21 April 2016. **GL** will include the cost of building a Village Hall obtained from a local supplier - and that it has proven difficult to obtain a suitable piece of land. We have costed the building of a Hall at 252m<sup>2</sup> at £378K but this does not include the cost of any land and we believe we need at least £150k additional money, over and above that. There are problems regarding a possible Archaeological dig on the Bury Field site and some real opposition by some of the village, to building on that site. We have not included running, maintenance costs and additional annual costs of about £10k. The cost of furnishing the hall will be a further additional cost. Our current funds are less than half this total.

The Village Hall Project has not moved forward despite the best efforts of all the Committees involved for the last 15 years. The interest rates on the capital have been low.

The Committee decided to give notification of a general meeting using all means available - newsletter - website - facebook etc.

Further discussion took place

**ACTION ALL to bring their thoughts/ideas on the marketing of the general meeting to the next meeting planned for 25 April 2016 at 8.15pm**

**AOB** RT advised the meeting that the financial return had been completed. GL asked that the outstanding cheque for his expenses is paid as soon as possible.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

**SIGNED AS APPROVED**

**Grahame Leach Chairman**

**DATE**