

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 16TH APRIL 2018 ON BEHALF OF EVENLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Later this year, we will be entering into the third year of our five year plan and we are making good progress. A lot has been achieved over the last twelve months, which I will cover in detail at our own annual general meeting on the 4th June. One progressive step of note has been growth of the 100 club, now called the village hall club, which has double its membership to 200, increasing revenue for the village hall. However, for now, I have been asked to concentrate on our future plans.

We have submitted a grant application to WREN, which is currently under consideration and we will know in May if this has been successful. Subject to the outcome, we have planning permission to replace the main entrance façade with new doors and windows on an identical, like for like basis.

A new sign is to be installed to the side of the main entrance.

We then plan to decorate the whole building externally, which will include some minor repairs to window frames and fascia boards. In agreement with SNC Conservation Department, the new entrance façade, along with all the windows on that elevation, will be painted a heritage green. The doors and windows on the front of the building will remain painted in white, the fascia boards will remain in black.

We plan to redecorate internally including the entrance hall, which will be painted to lighten it up rather than the dark wood staining, the corridors and the main hall. New wood effect vinyl flooring is to be laid in the entrance hall and corridors and skirting board added. We also plan to sand and reseal the floor in the main hall.

A Disability Access Audit was last carried out in 2003; this was updated this year and as a consequence, some minor modifications will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Tony Stevens continues to manage the village hall funds to ensure we achieve our targets, maintain good cash flow and ensuring that we have a contingency

fund for the unexpected. Recently we have experienced some issues with the heating system and whilst remedial work was carried out to keep the system working, at the time of writing this report we are unclear as to whether the work has completely rectified the fault. Luckily, we have not had to cancel any sessions due to the heating problem. We have been advised that there is no need to replace the heating system but if this was required it would cost well in excess of £12,000.

Following considerable assistance from the Parish Council, for which we are grateful, we have reached agreement with Gigaclear to have superfast broadband installed in the village hall.