

Henry Samuel Village Hall Committee

Minutes of the Zoom meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2021 at 19:30

1. Welcome.

Mel Clarke opened meeting at 19:30.

Attendees:

Mel Clarke Linda Haywood Paul Chandler

Rob WebbDebbie Down Terry Kelly

2. Apologies.

Barry Edwards.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Linda Haywood and seconded by Rob Webb as true and accurate account.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting.

Mel asked If there was any news from Rita Abernethy's enquiries with the American Historical Society and about the history of the building and it was advised that she is still waiting for a reply.

Mel also asked about the tree line and was informed by Linda that there is a preservation order on the trees, this will have to be looked at.

It was also asked if the neighbour next door had managed to access his garden from the hall and this was confirmed that he has finished his work.

5. Questionnaire Results.

The results of the questionnaire came back resulting in residents wishing to keep the hall. It was decided that question 1 and 2 would be combined and therefore giving the overall majority of 121 opposed 94 wishing to have the hall rebuilt elsewhere in the village. It was suggested by Terry that a letter be sent to the people who took the time to return the form to let them know first.

It was suggested by Rob that the results be published in the Mayland Mayl and Debbie suggested that they could be put on the parish council's website, also the HSH website and retrospective Facebook pages. Rob also suggested the village noticeboards. Debbie will write a piece for the Mayland Mayl and various sites and Linda will inform the Burnham and Maldon.

Linda suggested that we read through all the notes on the questionnaire and pass on the results to everyone.

It was also discussed on which of the two options we will be able to go for, returning the hall to its original design or the higher option of completely refurbishing the hall. This will depend on the amount of money we are able to raise and what we need as a hall as opposed to what we would like. It was also discussed that as the committee itself would like to keep the essence of the hall and conduct the repairs required due its historical significance within the village community.

Terry brought up a point that option 1 comes further forward than option 2 which will take away parking space. It was talked about removing the porch at the front to go back to the original look. Linda will talk to the parish council about the boundary wall if the toilet block is added to the side of the building due to noise pollution with the

neighbour who has now had planning approved for building as this was not a problem when it was just an empty field alongside.

6. Tenders for the Hall.

There has been some interest from Wayne Stone who has previously done work on the hall in the past and there was interest from another builder in the comments section of one of the questionnaires. Linda will email the gentlemen concerned and ask them if they would like to put an official tender forward.

7. Finances.

Linda gave an update on the current financial situation of the funds.

Current A/C	£ 428.83
Savings A/C	£5665.56

Linda has had to transfer money from the savings account to the current account to cover the general utilities bills which are ongoing and to cover the cost of the printing, and delivery of all the questionnaires by Linda and Debbie. She has transferred £1000 since #october.

Grants were also discussed, we have decided to try again for the CIF, Bradwell and Lottery. Debbie and Linda will look into these. Linda will ask the parish clerk if she can help point us in the right direction. Once we have more information from Rita Abernethy we will then try the English Heritage and National Trust.

8. Committee

It was decided that we do need new committee members to help with the hall, especially when it comes to fundraising etc. We will look through the forms again as there were a couple of people who expressed an interest in helping. We will make a decision at the next meeting.

9. Miriam Holden.

The committee discussed how we will remember and honour Miriam Holden who played an integral part in the running of the HSH over many years and will be remembered by everybody with great fondness. Several suggestions were made by Debbie, Linda and Mel and it was agreed that we would have plaque or memorial stone on the hall when it is completed.

10. Any Other Business

Everybody agreed that we will keep Barry Edward's place on the committee and hope that he will return at a future date as he is a major part of this committee. Mel also suggested that he send a letter to Barry on behalf of the committee expressing our support. We also decided that Mel would email Barry and see if it is possible to collect the plans and other HSH correspondence that he may have which can be of help to us. If this is not possible, then perhaps he can email across any information.

Paul asked what the timeline of the build is likely to be and given the current circumstances we have estimated 5 years.

11. Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be held on the 17th February 2021 at 19:30 via Zoom.

Meeting Closed at 20:53.