

# COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## TUESDAY MARCH 9TH 2021 - ITEM NO: 17 – Chairman’s Statement

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### 1. PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

The 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 meeting of the Parish hall Committee was again held via Zoom conferencing.

Items of note discussed were:

1. Parish Hall finances - at present, continue to ‘hold their own’ despite the reductions in income and some support grants from NFDC, albeit they are coming under increased pressure.
2. Review of the constitution – is ongoing. The purpose of the review is to ensure that the Parish Hall governance and management arrangements are suitably designed for the future operation of the Parish Hall.
3. Parish Hall Development Programme – the consultant for ‘specialist’ community funding potential has been completed following virtual approval by a majority of the Committee and an initial ‘start up’ meeting is planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> February with SL as the rep. (note: this took place as planned). Part of the project process will be to have a / some workshops for a sub group and request made to have more committee members involved in those.
4. Bicycle shelter – re-confirmed that the shelter is due for delivery in late March (revised over previous update), and would need to be erected straight away due to its size and lack of available storage. This delivery date is yet to be confirmed subject to any constraints which would make erection problematic. Requests were made for volunteers to participate in the erection of the shelter when it is delivered.
5. Football / Sports Wall – brief update on the project and a note that a final report is being prepared for the Parish Council for its March meeting.
6. Jubilee Celebration Event 2022 (eg Platinum Jubilee) – briefly discussed and suggestion made that it would be a useful way forward to convene a committee of representatives drawn from across a range of community groups to undertake the development thinking. Suggestion that the Parish Council act as a facilitator to get the group going. Suggestion will need to be included in a report to be considered by the PC at its March meeting.  
*(Suggested way forward was to be included in a report to the next Parish Council meeting. This has now been deferred to the April Parish Council meeting to allow more time for report drafting to be finalised).*

The Hall continues to remain closed in the light of National Lockdown requirements.

The Parish Hall Committee AGM took place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March and a verbal update will be given at the 9<sup>th</sup> March Parish Council meeting.

### 2. BENCHES UPDATE

A brief mention that the bench at Cadnam is now fully reinstated including the centre arms – as was reported in the latest Parish Newsletter. Several very positive comments have already been received from the community following its reinstatement. A discussion took place at the 5YP AC regarding the possible purchase of small plaques to place on benches once they were replaced / repaired and reinstated. Estimates indicate a cost of £12.50 per plaque appears feasible within the benches budget.



**Cllr. S. Lucas, March 2021**