

BLACKBOURNE & WESLEY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Blackbourne, Elmswell IP30 9UH

Report to EPC Meeting of 19th November 2018

The Chairman informed the committee that the Parish Council's Working Party has recommended a preferred Quantity Surveyor to price up the refurbishment of the Wesley and that the first-estimate build cost provided will be used by councillors to decide what level of development the scheme can realistically afford. As there is the possibility of the need for changes to the skeleton floor plan so far presented, there is little call on the BWMA for further advice until the final shape and scale of the new-build is determined

It continues to be the case that the chapel must remain as the focal point as a clear letting space and the new-build will accommodate the facilities around it.

Marian Abbott agreed to approach the Fire Crew seeking their agreement to allow use of their meeting facility at the fire station for temporary use during the closure period.

The problematic Wesley Hall heating will have to be endured for another winter. 2 new units have been fitted, but auxiliary heaters which came with the hall are sub-standard and threaten to overload the circuit. The Chairman will remove them.

A first quote for the Jubilee Hall storm-damaged roof repair is now to hand and 2 further quotes are being sought. A ceiling-mounted projector in the Chamberlayne Hall and a pull-down screen for the Olympic Room are the subject of suggestions to County Councillor Jane Storey for funding from her locality budget.

Treasurer, Mr Brooks, declared letting receipts to 8th November of £32,615 for the Blackbourne and £4,591 for the Wesley giving projected incomes of £51,042 and 7,548 respectively for the full financial year. We have transferred £8K to the EPC in monthly payments and a top-up transfer of £60K to be ear-marked for the Wesley leaving us a balance of £13,481.

Blackbourne bookings remain buoyant with MSDC adopting it as a venue of choice for their Planning Inspectorate Enquiries given the move of their HQ to Endeavour House in Ipswich. Health and Wellbeing groups are flourishing and it is now the case that weekday evening bookings are effectively at capacity.

Maintenance issues remains at a low level with the main recent expenditure being £120.00 for the tree to replace one that was recently vandalised.

Following previous discussions regarding letting fees for 2019 it was agreed that all regular village lettings and 'Educational & Wellbeing' rates should remain unchanged, given the strong possibility of disruption during the Wesley project works, but that other fees should be increased by 5% across the board.

It was unanimously agreed that Linda Waspe should represent the BWMA on the Amenities Association following the recent change in their schedule of nominee trustee bodies to accommodate the BWMA in recognition of the group's key role in the community.

Peter Edmonds

Secretary