

Pitton Village Hall, Playing Field and Recreation Ground

Pitton Village Hall Management Committee Vision for 2020 and Beyond

Face-to-visits to Pitton residents in 2018 identified overwhelming support for the Village Hall. People welcomed that thought was being given to improving both the facilities on offer as well as the availability of the hall for village people. At the Village Hall Management Committee AGM in February 2019, we agreed that a Vision for the Hall should be established for the future. Over the past three months the Vision has been developed in the form of our Purpose and Objectives.



Our Purpose

To respect the founding principles of the Trust by maintaining, extending or improving the Trust Property (Pitton Village Hall, Playing Field and Recreation Ground) in responsible, sustainable and imaginative ways so as to contribute to the well-being of the residents of Pitton and neighbourhood.

Our First Objective

To continue to manage the Trust Property on sound financial principles and on a sustainable, non-profit basis ensuring a surplus to fund major works and contingencies.

Our Second Objective

To explore the potential for enhanced, more flexible and varied uses of the buildings and amenities through the provision of additional related facilities in order to meet present and future community needs.

Context

- Income from hire charges is insufficient to meet running costs.
- It is necessary to raise additional funds each year just to cover day-to-day upkeep and simple maintenance.
- There is currently no specific reserve fund for major works or unforeseen expenses.
- Given the current usage of the Village Hall, weekday access for village residents is limited.
- Based on the survey in late 2018, there is support for extending the space available in the hall, improving the outside space, increasing storage, refurbishing the toilets and various small improvements.
- It was agreed that we should take a more strategic approach and be clear about a vision for the Hall and grounds before developing detailed proposals.

What we aim to do ...

- The Finance sub-group is identifying how we can increase income from hire charges to reduce the reliance on fund-raising for day-to-day upkeep.
- We will use all fund-raising to build a reserve fund for major works and contingencies.
- We will work alongside the Fund Raising Committee to identify additional events to bolster the fund-raising income and we welcome volunteers to assess opportunities for additional ways of raising funds.
- We will bring together groups of village residents to examine (in respect of the village hall, playing field and recreation ground):
 - Enhancing the facilities on offer
 - Introducing greater flexibility and more variation in their use
 - Increasing the number of people who use the facilities

... and when we aim to do it

- The Finance sub-group is to bring a report back to the Management Committee in **August 2019** with recommendations for addressing hire charges.
- Implementation of any recommendations for increasing hire charges will take effect from **January 2020**.
- A programme of additional fundraising events will be arranged to **begin in 2020**.
- We will arrange a meeting for all interested parties to enable further discussion of the groups by the end of **July 2019**.
- We will establish the groups by **September 2019** and provide introductory guidance to those groups to ensure clarity of purpose and completeness.
- The groups will report, with recommendations, by **April 2020** to the Management Committee.

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