

SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON VILLAGE HALL OPEN MEETING
Meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Present: **Alan Ball, Bruce Batting, Ivan Gosden, Bruce Jones, Natalie Larner, Nick Robinson & Ian Sellars**
 & approx. 35 members of the public

In attendance: **Eleanor Burt**

1. Architect's Draft Plans for Atrium Extension

The draft plans were on display and Ivan Gosden spent some time talking through the plans and describing the proposals. The works are expected to cost in the region of £350K and applications will be made for grant funding.

2. Open Forum

The following questions and answers followed:

Q Could the memorabilia which used to be in the hall be put back up?

A Yes, the memorabilia will be put up in the atrium area once it has been built

Q John Darker suggested that a reception point/desk in the new atrium would be useful.

A It was acknowledged that this would be a good idea – an office may also be able to be created under the stairs

Q Does the caretaker take the bookings?

A No, bookings are not taken by the Caretaker. However, the fact that the Caretaker is leaving and a new caretaker is to be appointed means that the Caretaker's role can be looked at and amended if necessary

Q Could the general public be allowed access to the Management Committee's monthly meetings?

A It was agreed that the Committee will look into the possibility of the public attending monthly meetings.

Q How long will it take to get planning permission for the atrium proposal?

A Approximately 3 months. It was noted that the developer of the triangle site has offered £2000 towards the atrium proposal in addition to any statutory contributions he has to make to local amenities

Q How long will construction of atrium take?

A The construction time is not yet known but would be planned to ensure limited disruption to bookings. Advance notice would be given to village hall users.

Q What is happening to the old entrance hall room?

A The entrance hall room will be used for storage and by the Loddon Players during performances.

Q Why does the screen in the Liddell Hall not work?

A The screen will be fixed. The microphone has already been dealt with.

Q The website says there is an overhead projector in the Liddell Hall but there is not one?

A The website will be corrected

Q Is it ok for Happy Faces Playgroup to get a quote for improving the acoustics in the Liddell Hall?

A Happy Faces need to give details of the proposed work to the Management Committee

Q Is there any chance of curtains being put back up in the main Hall?

A Nick Robinson offered to put temporary curtains in the main hall to see if they make a difference

Q There still seem to be problems with bookings being made through the website and a lack of response to enquiries

A The website should be working better now. The representatives from the Band said that they do not have any problems with email responses and the acoustics are fine for them

3. Committee Membership

Ivan Gosden said that the Committee needed new members. Nick Robinson said that he had always felt that the Committee should be elected.

4. Other Matters

(a) BasingClog and WI have not received invoices for all their bookings

(b) It was agreed the Village Hall Constitution needs to be displayed

5. Next Meeting

The next open meeting will be held in about 6 months' time