Report to PC on 2nd November 2020

The Community Centre report.

I wrote to all Parish Councillors who also are Custodian Trustees to explain the relationship between the Parish Council and the Managing (Trustees) committee. I hope that this made sense to you all as this Trust was set up by the then PC in 1971

I repeat my request of last month for a working party meeting to find a way to develop a bill of materials for the enquiry for the external works that will be the basis of a grant application by the PC, probably now a Covid casualty.

We have had a Grant of £10,000 (Ring fenced) from the NNDC Sustainable Communities Fund that will be a substantial contribution towards the Health and Safety of the Centre. One particular part will be the renewal of the Fire Alarm System that will provide 24 hour cover. This work will be scheduled asap bearing in mind Covid shutdowns

The Centre is a Charity that is entirely self-funding and the management requires many volunteers (which we do not have) to make the Centre Covid Safe, for caretaking, cleaning, not to mention the background paperwork. Our Trustees have been asked to consider whether we can open or not given the mountain of regulations,

Financial assessments have been made accessing the implication both in the short and long term. The outlook looks very bleak and will require very careful management to ensure our total assets are not frittered away.

Wall problem with Barley Cottage was made safer by Andy Hicks who organised for the loose coping stones and bricks to be safely removed. Can a working party be arranged to reduce the height of the wall?

I end this short report with the comment although we may be able to manage the finances, the Community Centre’s Covid Safe environment is reliant on Volunteers is in doubt.

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