



**Attendees:** Colin Painter, Vic Turner, Paul Rogers, Jill Upton, Simon Pratt Adams, David Taylor, Catherine Williams

**Minutes of meeting dated 6th October 2021 – Minutes agreed.**

### **Action points arising**

1. Wi-Fi – a quote of £34.95 per month from BT had been obtained. It was agreed to proceed with this. Jill U to contact BT to arrange phone line installation.
2. Colin has made contact with Whitworth informing them that the working group are meeting again.
3. Paul has made contact with Kingswell re: visit to one of their buildings– **he will chase this up.**
4. A visit to Dalham Village Hall was made on Saturday 23rd October.
5. An online meeting was held with Celia from Ousden on Friday 5th November

Feedback on meetings with Dalham and Ousden.

Dalham 1. Good hall with good car parking and outside area.

2. Loft storage available
3. Costs approx. £6.000 a year to run
4. Run by a Management Committee
5. No separate meeting room
6. Main Hall not large enough to hold Carpet Bowls
7. Oil fired heating system

Ousden 1. Have made limited progress over past 2 years but have continued to meet on line

2. Original cost of approx.. £400,000 has doubled, they are now looking to raise £1,000,000.
3. They have a funding matrix, we have asked for a copy of this.
4. Plans have been submitted to council a) for building hall and b) sale of land to help with cost of building
5. They hope to be a centre of excellence for Sport – cricket, yoga, carpet bowls etc.

## **Update on Funding.**

David Taylor is attending an online funding meeting organised by Community Action Suffolk on 23rd November. He will also contact West Suffolk Council to see if they have any available funding.

## **Update on Possessory Ownership**

David Taylor has made contact with the solicitors who require more information.  
David will contact them for a face-to-face meeting.

## **Next Actions.**

1. Planning or pre-planning application –too early to consider? Colin Painter to speak with the planning dept.
2. Architect – Colin Painter to contact Whitworth to tie up the plans they have drawn for us **and seek their views on increased costs**
3. Timeline – Colin to draw up a rough timeline of the work required to achieve a new Village Hall.
4. **Colin to arrange regular meetings with Ousden starting in Jaunuary.**

## **General Village Hall Business.**

### **Treasurers Report.**

Cash £ 120.81 Lottery Account Balance £ 1996.00

Business Premium Acc £ 3.73

Community Acc £ 30,618.25 (one outstanding cheque to be cashed of £10.00)

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Total £30,742.79

The inspection from Suffolk Fire showed that the 5 year Fixed Wire Test was overdue. This has now been carried out as well as PAT testing. Any issues were dealt with by the Electrician so the test is not due until October 2026.

The fire extinguishers and Fire Alarm have had the annual tests – no problems.

No outstanding bills.

### **Any Other Business –**

**It was agreed to advertise the Village Lottery in the next Newsletter to try to increase membership.**

**David Taylor will show the drawings we have from Whitworth to George Wells in the hope he would be able to give us an idea of costings.**

**Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 12th January 2022, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.