

Shalfleet Village Hall - Maintenance Report. for meeting on 11th March 2022.

Repairs.

I met the stonemason Nigel Roberts on a site visit in February and discussed options for repair of the damaged wall by the entrance. He advised that rather than rebuilding the wall he repairs and fills the cracks as the damaged section is separated but fairly stable. It would take him and his mate half a day to repair at a cost of around £140 and he would provide the materials needed free of charge. He will fit the job in when he gets an opportunity but would not start until any likelihood of frost has receded. Since meeting Nigel, it has been pointed out to me that the stones supporting the nearby side gate to the churchyard have become loose, should we ask Nigel to include this repair as well ?

Improvements.

Floor matting for the marquees has become clearer. Matting that is made from natural coir fibres is available in small sizes and is expensive. Coir soil erosion matting comes in 1m x 10m size at £41.99 each, so each marquee would cost £168 and be in four strips. Coir matting, similar to front door mats, is available in 2m x 7m strips at £444 per strip. There is an alternative called "weave tread carpet" at £144.99 for a 4m x 8m size. This is specially designed for awning and marquee flooring and comes in pale blue or pale green and would do the job. Description as follows; **"Heavy Duty Outdoor "Breathable" Flooring.** Our attractive heavy duty outdoor carpet gives a **warm and luxurious** feel to any outdoor marquee / awning / gazebo event. The breathable fabric ensures that underlying grass is not killed. This flooring is exceptionally **hard wearing, rot proof, UV stabilised** and **hemmed for extra strength** with a pegging eyelet in each corner to secure to soft standing areas. The flooring is completed with an **attractive two-tone weave** and a warm non-slip finish. Simple to clean...just hose down."

Other.

SVHMC discussion is needed on the spring & summer planting of the planters and the carpark flower bed.

There is a scheduled meeting in the meadow on Monday 14th March at 10.30, to discuss a proposed re-wilding project in the meadow. This is being led by Jackie and Shalfleet School, Chloe has been invited and I am planning to attend. This is open to all.

Brown sign project has started despite the lack of clarity from Island Roads and IWC over procedure to follow. The Hall on its own would not qualify for a sign as it is not open to the public, but the church should qualify. In short there is a, non-returnable, £200 admin fee plus a multi page application form. If successful, the IWC/Island Roads manufacture and erect the sign, we pay the cost in full (amount not yet known) but the sign remains the property of the IWC and is subject to bi-annual reviews on its appropriateness.

Wight Fire completed in January their six monthly maintenance check of the fire alarm system. All was approved once the elderly battery had been replaced.

We have had a request to upgrade our wall lights to provide a brighter light. Our beam mounted strip lights which provide an ambient general lighting on the ceiling would not be affected. Our wall lights currently have a small fluorescent tube within them, these could be replaced internally with a modern LED equivalent which would be brighter and give marginally cheaper running costs. This would not affect the outward appearance of the wall lights.

Should we consider replacing our mixed selection of tea towels? Good quality replacement 50 x 70 cm towels are available at £23.49 for 12.

Michael

8th March 2022