HALL REPORT 22.10.2026 - Susan Malt

The Hall continues to be a unique and valuable venue for a number of varying activities attracting many people from mid Norfolk.

However, it has been just 'ticking over' for some years.
Two previous vicars have been unable to effect a new permanent way for the Church and the civil parish to keep the Hall going.

A new vicar will, hopefully, be appointed soon and will have more luck!

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The list of items below needing attention will be familiar since it is the fourth year it has been brought to the attention of the meeting.

As the booking clerk I witness the deterioration which began in 2017 when the 8 person Management and Maintenance Group resigned because of no support from the PCC.

1.Heating in the Room. One heater has been broken since 2017. At that time Richard Fisher advised replacing all 4 heaters with new, more efficient models.

2. Blocked chimney: it is FULL of jackdaw nesting material which once led to maggots and clouds of bluebottles emerging from the chimney. My 'emergency' cardboard and tape seal has held for 3 years.

3. Inadequate guttering: evidence of saturated walls testify to water running down outside the toilet wall and from the gully where the two roofs meet.

4.Water pouring into the foundations from the gully overshoot could be responsible for the subsidence of paving on the patio which is now becoming dangerous.

5. Removing loose plaster, damp proofing, making good and redecorating the Room. (This was a priority for the Maintenance and Management Group in 2017. Sadly, 2 3 & 4 above have developed since then).

The Hall is the premium community asset for Hoe and Worthing into which well over £100K of tax payers' money (NCC + BDC) and much community fundraising has been invested.

The Church, the PCC and the Parish Meeting therefore have to maintain the Hall in good repair for present and future Hoe and Worthing residents.