NEWTON St CYRES PARISH HALL

18 Nov 19

Application to Newton St Cyres Parish Council for a Grant

Contribution to Costs of upgrading Stage Lighting

The Hall has over the last four years, been carrying out a phased improvement programme, including installation of a new kitchen, re-roofing, renewing the urinals, replacement of lighting in the main hall and the clubroom and external painting. Internal painting in the main hall, the clubroom and the vestibule will be carried out between Christmas and New Year this year. The total cost of this programme has been some £70,000. Nearly half of this has come from Grants with the remainder from our own resources. We much appreciate the assistance and support from the Parish Council. These improvements mean that we are better able to meet our objectives of **providing and maintaining a village hall for the inhabitants of the Parish of Newton St Cyres without distinction of political, religious or other opinions**, but they have put some strain on our finances,

The next stage in the improvement programme was agreed at a recent Committee Meeting to be upgrading the stage lighting. The present system was installed more than 25 years ago. There has been much progress since then in lighting technology and the system is not entirely functional and way below present standards. We are currently increasing the use of the stage. In 2019 we will have put on two professional shows through the Villages in Action programme one of which is targeted at a family audience including young schoolchildren. Activities like this make a major contribution to the social wellbeing of our community and upgraded lighting is crucial for expanding these activities.

We have not yet obtained estimates for the work although a number of suitable contractors have been identified. We anticipate a cost in the range of £2,000 to £3,000. Partial support from the Parish Council would make a major contribution to our ability to progress with this work in a timely manner. We apply **for a grant of £500**.

The Hall is a registered charity. Our governing document (a Scheme) is attached, as are our Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19. The report outlines the ways in which we satisfy our objectives and contribute to the village community. There were

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558 bookings in 2018/19. Some were individual bookings, but there were 18 clubs and groups that made regular use of the Hall. The most recent Parish Plan survey indicated that some 80% of residents in the parish use the Hall.

The audited accounts are presented in the Annual Report. We have the required bank account and policies in relation to Equality Legislation and Health and Safety Requirements. The effectiveness of management of the Hall has been recognised by Devon Communities Together through the Hallmark Award at Level 2.

Roger Wilkins, Chairman Parish Hall Committee