

Winchelsea New Hall MAIN HALL CONSULTATION Monday 6 June 2016

Lighting. Harsh for evening functions. Some upward ambience lighting would be good to take away the 'barn' feel.

Curtains/blinds.

Blackout blinds needed for 2nd Wednesday Society talks. Problem with existing ones not raising/lowering.

Appearance of curtains poor. If blinds fulfil thermal/blackout function then could have decorative curtains. Suggestion curtains hang directly from steel tubes.

Acoustics. Hard – could do with softening of walls and possible ceiling. When there are a lot of people in the room, chatting reverberates and people with hearing aids find it difficult.

Heating. This is good now and users area pleased that it comes on before people arrive. Assume committee will be looking at roof insulation et al.

Tables. Trestle tables a bit narrow. 16 card tables need refurbishing. Only 10 workable and in a poor state.

Chairs were felt to be okay.

Shield above stage scruffy.

Screen toilet doors.

Possibility of cloakroom being converted to disabled WC. Okay with coat rails at back of hall.

Badminton.

A full doubles court would allow only 3 – 4ft from edge. Issues about the health and safety of this were raised. Can users be responsible for their own safety? Discussion around a singles court and a 7/8ths court. The latter was felt difficult because of adjusting shuttlecocks.

Look at set up cost. Not felt to be too much. Funding from Sport England.

Proposed a club formed which has local members. Have a club night and opportunistic short notice (3 days) bookings at a cheap rate for individuals to hire. Should be members of club too, for monitoring purposes.

Clearing chairs would take time. Look at storing issues. Perhaps a lean-to store opposite the disabled ramp/south exit door.

Floor markings: aim to avoid the hall looking like a sports hall

Could be brown, so that blends in. Should be painted on.

Embed LED strips in floorboards – could be used for other functions.
Floor level laser beam.

Table Tennis

Popular in the local area at the moment. Would be easier to organise. Could have up to 3 tables. Storage a problem. Could lose a window and extend the table storage area or build a new store opposite the south emergency exit door /disabled ramp. Would utilise ramp.

Windows. Rationalise glazing, at least so that clear ones are facing the field.

Social. Rye Tennis Club has a bar, so popular socially. It was thought to be a problem with film nights – have to pay £100 fee to show films. *[Subsequently clarified that the New Hall's performance licence does permit the showing of films for free]* Quiz nights popular. Games – whist drive/bridge

Possible Action Points

1. ambience lighting
2. new blackout blinds
3. new curtains hung from steel tubing rather than domestic curtain tracks
4. soften acoustics for people using hearing aids
5. renovate card tables
6. remove shield above stage
7. screens to toilet
8. badminton
9. table tennis
10. quiz night / cards / games / film night. Weekly social events organised by New Hall (delegates) for benefit of New Hall.