

## Extraordinary Committee Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Present:** Mandy Law, Tim Smith, Louisa Feltham, Bob Wilson, Alice Murdock, Sue Peet, Teresa Chapman

**Apologies:** Lorna Bryant, Chris Stirrney, Margaret Stamp

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### Treasurer's update to the committee

1. **July 2025 submission for replacement of the Village Hall kitchen: total cost of 19.6k** (including a contingency of £2.5k). Financial sources:
    - a. Funding from Harborough District Council (HDC) comprised S106 money (£3.7k) and Community Grant (£10k) totalling £13.7k
    - b. balance from Great Easton Village Hall of £5.9k (including a contingency of £2.5k)
  
  2. **January 2026 submission for replacement of the Village Hall kitchen: total cost of £27k** (including a contingency of £3.5k). Financial sources:
    - a. Funding from Harborough District Council (HDC) comprised S106 money (£3.7k) and Community Grant (£10k) totalling £13.7k
    - b. Original balance from Great Easton Village Hall of £5.9k
    - c. Additional (new) bid for HDC S106 funding of £4k
    - d. We are now seeking approval from the meeting to increase the contribution from Village Hall funds to cover these additional costs.
  
  3. **The reason for the increase in costs is twofold:**
    - a. July 2025 quotes expired and the January 2026 requotes include an inflationary element
    - b. Following advice from potential contractors, additional works relating to retiling, replastering and repositioning sockets to make more accessible will require additional financial resources
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### Rationale for proceeding with kitchen project

The current tranche of S106 money is essentially ringfenced for improvements to Great Easton Village Hall (GEVH) kitchen. It is in the interest of the village to make use of the S106 money within the stipulated timeframe; it is essentially a 'use it or lose it' situation. Improvements to the Village Hall will benefit the village directly and help the Hall to grow the external bookings which provide necessary income for its maintenance.

Moreover, with possible future housing developments taking place in the village, community resources will become further stretched. Upgrading the village hall kitchen is future-proofing an essential community resource and will ensure that people from the village and surrounding areas continue to benefit from a properly functioning, welcoming place in which to gather.

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## Potential new sources of funding

The proposal is to bid for an additional £4k of S106 money and thereby limit the GEVH additional contribution; conversations with Harborough District Council have already begun in this respect. A preliminary decision as to whether or not to support this additional application will be taken on 21<sup>st</sup> January. If agreed, this will go forward to a full panel meeting at HDC.

## Proposal for additional contribution from GEVH

There are two scenarios relating to the additional funding sources required. The implications for GEVH are outlined below:

### A. Best-case scenario

- a. If the additional grant from HDC is approved, GEVH will need to contribute an additional £3.4k of its resources, resulting in a **total contribution of £9.5k** which is not dissimilar to the amount originally envisaged when only the S106 monies were being considered

### B. Worst-case scenario

- a. If the remaining S106 money from HDC is not approved, this will require a **total contribution of £13.5k** from GEVH resources.

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## Impact of additional GEVH contribution: January 2026

- GEVH resources currently stand at £21k (plus a contingency of £10k)
- The maximum (worst-case scenario) is that GEVH contributes £13.5k, leaving a balance of £7.5k in the Hall's resources
- With the addition of £1.5k from the forthcoming Valentine Quiz, this would result in a balance of £9k (plus the £10k contingency); at March 2025, GEVH had a balance of £11k so the financial 'worst-case scenario' would result in a financial position not dissimilar to that prevailing in March 2025

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## GEVH Committee Decision

- Mandy Law proposed that the Great Easton Village Hall Committee should support the maximum additional contribution of £13.5k, should it be required.
- Seconded by Bob Wilson
- The proposal was agreed unanimously