

Chair's Report - September 2026

I hope you all enjoyed the summer break during August. I welcome you back.

During the break Bonny has kept in touch with me. Bonny has kept on top of the finances and informed me of any additional items that needed attention.. Thanks Bonny for keeping us on track.

During the summer break, Simon Johnson and Cllr Maddison spent a full week decorating the kitchen. Paint was purchased from Tongs at a discounted price. The kitchen looks amazing and their work to get it open on time for the Pup Up Pub was appreciated. A portion of their hours worked was volunteer time that we had committed to when we applied match funding towards the grant from Lincs Wold Grant Scheme. Additional volunteer time used was for removing the kitchen including free time from our architect David Biggadike. Several PRWP members and partners assisted with this work along the way.

Ian Taylor who is on the PRWP and managing the building project continued to spend many hours overseeing the project. It is rumoured, that he has his own route embedded in the tarmac from visiting the hall. Ian's input was invaluable and he continues to assist with our efforts to finish the project.

Recently we received £500 Grant from Cllr Will Grover and a further commitment of £500 from Cllr Roberts towards the dishwasher. I am still looking at the options to be able to provide Cllr Roberts with a quotation. The hard water in our area requires we have a small water softener for the dishwasher. The cost is in the region of £100 and should fit under the sink. We require a semi-commercial dishwasher not a domestic dishwasher.

The chairs in the hall have been cleaned. Simon volunteered to clean them. The curtains were taken and cleaned by Cllr Tilsley.

Cllr Maddison, Simon and Sue Maddison cleaned the hall several times during the renovation. They have offered to continue to clean the hall until we have completed the renovations. The windows have been cleaned including the outside of the windows. Cllr Maddison has offered to continue to clean the windows for the time being.

We received a grant from Lincolnshire Community Strategic Fund for £15,000 last month. This is the maximum amount you can receive. We were proposed by our County Councillor, Philip Roberts and would not have been eligible to apply without his support. We appreciate the time and effort involved from Cllr Roberts in assisting our application.

We still require to raise £8,795.00 plus VAT towards Stage 3 along with the sum of £8,550.00 plus VAT Contingency. We continue to look for further grants and arrange fundraising events. We can reclaim the VAT.

The residents of Church Lane have been kind and helpful whilst vehicles and workmen have been on site. There has been lots of upheaval and noise. We appreciate their support. Work will commence again once funds are in place.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in anyway over the last few weeks All Councillors and PRWP members and their families have had an input one way or another. It has been great team work.

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