

## BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

<b>Date of Parish Council Meeting</b>	Wednesday 20 February 2019
<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	<i>Item 12 (iv)</i>
<b>Author</b>	Theresa Goss
<b>Title of Report</b>	Ellen Hinde Hall
<b>Summary</b>	To consider a request from the Ellen Hinde Hall Trustees for a short term loan to assist with the unforeseen costs of works to the roof of the hall.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The request for the loan be approved, to be repaid within a time period specific by the Parish Council, possibly 12 months.
<b>Reasons for the Recommendation</b>	To support this local amenity, used by a number of people and organisations in the village.
<b>Impact on Budget</b>	None as the loan would be paid back.
<b>Risks</b>	That the loan is not repaid, within the specified time, or at all.
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Ellen Hinde Hall Trustees we were devastated to find that when the work started on the faulty gutter and gable that there was a great deal more work to be done, which more than doubled the original estimate and has left their finances in a very alarming state.</p> <p>Having authorised a start on the work based on the quotation given, the Trustees could not call a halt half way through, especially as it should make a considerable difference to the damp problems caused in this area.</p> <p>At a recent Committee meeting, the Trustees agreed to ask the Parish Council for a short-term loan of £2000 while they build up their funds again from letting fees. These amount to nearly £5000 each year, so they would be in a position to repay the loan within a fairly short period. They are also proposing to raise the letting fees slightly from April this year, as they have been held at a low level since 2011 and this should also help their finances.</p> <p>It is unfortunate that this very useful and much appreciated hall was not built to the highest standard when given to the village, and of course it has never had any endowment,</p>

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	relying solely on user fees and the hard work of the Trustees over the years, several of whom have given time and effort to hall maintenance and continue to do so.
<b>Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here</b>	N/A