

CHAFT

Hall Report April 2024

Electrical works – some of the items identified in the 5-year electrical report have now been completed.

The **coat stand** has been replaced by two rows of coat hooks which seem to work well.

One notice board has been purchased, cut to size and fitted temporarily. Committee now need to decide on how many more boards to purchase.

At last meeting it was mentioned that CHAFT may be eligible for grant funding from the Platinum Jubilee Fund however when CT looked to apply the fund was over subscribed and closed to new application.

Windows – Hanney Glazed re quoted just for the windows and for the top window to be non-opening. Quote was accepted and 25% deposit has been paid. Work will take place on 29th May. Hall has been booked out for all day.

Broadband – CT contacted BT again by online chat. Quote is for 24month contract @ 29.95 pm includes unlimited broadband, Guest Wi-Fi plus Smart Hub £9.95 connection £10. They cannot guarantee speed until installation is complete so it is a leap of faith that we will get download speeds between 68-73mbps. The quote is held until Friday 12th April if we want to go ahead. Estimated installation 10 days from order.

Heating – I have emailed trustees re Jigsaw heating. I am very uneasy about this company. I appreciate they were the cheapest quote by some margin. I did a bit of a research online and they were bought out recently and latest accounts show considerable debt. The salesperson keeps contacting me by phone and email pushing for an answer. Definitely wants 50% up front immediately which I am uncomfortable about. When I asked about removal of old heating this was not included. He said would be minimal and when pushed said £250 then said would do for nothing but I do not have that in writing. I have contacted the other company ARC. They seem a much more reputable company to me. Their quote was slick and very detailed. They did only quote for three heaters in hall as opposed to four from Jigsaw. I have asked them if they could revise their quote for four, to remove heaters for toilets and kitchen and for simpler controls not Wi-Fi dependent. I am awaiting their reply. They will do site survey if we accept and then they request a 50% deposit. My feeling is we can easily buy heaters for kitchen and toilets and have an electrician instal them for us or even ask him to supply and fit. A small fan heater with frost stat is about £120 v £500 for infrared one as quoted by Jigsaw. Dave Jones had a conversation with the electrician who did the recent work on the hall and he was advocating fan heaters for the hall however he is not interested in supplying or fitting them. I think fan heaters would not be suitable for the hall (personal opinion). They can be very noisy, not something we need to add, and also heated air can be very dry.