

Thorganby Village Hall – Funding Update – October 2019

We the trustees of Thorganby Village Hall and Recreation Field have been following the advice given to us after our project submission of the Thorganby Village Hall Floor Project to the Selby Eastern Area CEF Board in July 2019.

1. We have approached Thorganby Parish Council and requested their help with funding which they declined.
2. We approached Thorganby Parish Council and requested their help with VAT which we understand is usual for parish councils to do for village halls and recreation fields, they declined to do so.
3. We approached Cllr Richard Musgrave for help from his ward community budget; his 2019/20 budget is fully allocated.
4. We approached Tom Jenkinson at NYCC to see if he could help, he passed us on to Community First Yorkshire who sent us details of possible funding sources which we are following up.
5. We have spoken with Cllr Neil Reader who advised us to speak with Chris Hailey-Norris again.
6. We have again spoken with Chris Hailey-Norris who advised us to submit an update of our actions, outcomes, progress and present position, which is what we are doing here.

We trustees have been working on a project to refurbish the children's play area at the recreation field, this project has taken 2 years to realise and work commenced on 24/09/2019. It is a £17,000 project and we have been successful in raising £15,500 from external sources meaning we have to contribute £1500 from our own reserves which have been accrued over years of fundraising including running beer festivals and bonfires with firework displays.

The village hall floor project has recently been awarded £10,000 from the Sport England Community Asset Fund; we have just received the contract to sign up to which includes us having to show how the remainder of the project will be funded.

Could you please ensure our project is on the agenda for the next Eastern Area CEF Board meeting in October as we need to present the Thorganby Village Hall Floor Project again at that meeting when we shall be represented by Ian Dyer, Kate Womersley and Stephen Wadsworth.

We would also like to mention that we are having to replace both pairs of double entrance doors at the village hall at a cost of £3000 + before the floor project is undertaken entirely from our own financial reserves.

Kind regards
Stephen Wadsworth