

History Village Hall Tuxford.

This is a brief synopsis of the Village Hall. I can't say it is all completely accurate, but to the best of my knowledge it is a reasonable account.

Before the A1 was built The Village Hall was on Lincoln Road. When the A1 was built the old VH had to be demolished. The existing VH site was given to the Parish of Tuxford by 4 landowners and the land was held in Trust by the Council. This land I believe was 3 Acres. A new VH was built on 1 Acre of this land. I believe Highways funded the build.

In 2004 the VH burnt down and sometime after that the then Council handed over the Trusteeship ? (John Anderson. Chair TPC). To the Memorial Hall Trustees. The £158.000 paid by Insurance was paid to them.

Several years went by when I believe architects, surveyors, Solicitors where consulted and a grand plan was formulated for a new GRAND VILLAGE HALL, costing over 2M. During this time one of the members of The Mem. Hall Committee died. (Les Rourke)

In 2013 THE MEM HALL CHARITY and THE MOI merged. At this time the MOI was losing money, so we can only assume the MHC collateral was used as the MOI was in financial difficulty.

The accounts over the next 5 years show that each year the MOI have made a loss, culminating in 2018 of a loss of over £127.000.

No further work was done on trying to provide a Village Hall.

In 2016 talks began with the Co-op to relocate to the Village Hall Site. These talks collapsed. I understand these talks had included the building of a Village Hall.

Now in 2020 land at the VHS has been purchased by the Co-op from the MOI to build a new store. No mention has been made of building a Village Hall. Planning permission has been requested by Carta on behalf of the Co-op and we (TTC) have raised our concerns. Covered by Agenda item 4)

Agenda Item 3.

Open Dialogue with MOI and Trustees.

Keith Izzard who is the Chair and Trustee of the MOI is not well and is no longer in a position to make decisions.

This leaves 4 Trustees:

Georgina Frost.

Mo Whetton

Eric Betts

S. Carter.

I have spoken to Councillor Frost, who is a Trustee of the MOI to suggest that we set up a meeting with the Trustees and the Council, to discuss jointly working towards a solution which would give Tuxford a Village Hall and the MOI premises to work from. This would enable them to continue their work for the residents of the Town. This would also give TTC a base for the Clerk and Council Meetings. Of course most importantly give Tuxford a Village Hall.