

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for North Downs West –
Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee**

Subject: Evington Hall

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 31 July 2018

Name and address of applicant(s):

Helen French
Cleveland
The Street
Hastingleigh
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TN25 5HU

Name and description of project:

External and internal lighting additions and improvements –

The project for which we are seeking funding is to improve and add to the existing lighting facilities for the Hall to meet the necessary standards to ensure the safety of all users.

Inadequate external lighting has particularly been an issue for evening users of the Hall. Sensor operated external lighting will be an additional security feature for the Hall. Internal lights are currently controlled by difficult to operate dimmers and are poor quality fluorescent circular lamps.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £250 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

Chairman, Evington Hall, Robin Helmer:

The poor level of external lighting only operates when the lights are switched on inside the hall, so no good for early arrivals/key holders. Some internal lights are controlled by difficult to operate dimmers. The circular fluorescent lights give poor illumination.

Parish Councillor, Kate Day:

Lighting is poor quality for reading documents at parish council meetings. As Health and Safety person for EVH, outside lighting is not adequate to prevent falls and accidents when patrons are arriving/leaving the Hall in the dark.

Evington Gardeners Society, Rev Lorraine Lawrence, Associate Priest, United Wye Benefice:

We have elderly people using the hall, most of whom have reduced eyesight, and also at least one regular user who is visually impaired. For these users, good lighting is essential! Also, the whist people need good lighting and when its really gloomy in the winter, all groups ,day and evening need the lights on in order to see.

Art Group, Sheila Burrage:

Improving the approach to the hall at night will allow people who would not normally attend functions to be able to do so, especially during the winter months.

WI: Jill Argar

A key reason for upgrading the external lights is that when cars are lined up along the front of the hall, patrons have to walk almost in the road going to and from the hall and cannot be seen against a dark background. As people get older, non-glaring but bright lights are a great help.

Community Choir, Mrs Celia Jeffery:

Running a singing group for older people who are reading text I am very aware that the lighting conditions in the hall are not ideal. There is insufficient power in the existing lights. The dimmer switches are difficult to use and often inadvertently reduce lighting levels. Anything that can be done to simplify the lighting in the hall would be very welcome to myself and my participants.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.



Signed:

31 July 2018

**Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee
North Downs West**