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The continued disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in restricted use of the Public Hall for several periods during the year, unfortunately this had a negative impact on the users of the Hall, namely the 1st Willingham Scout Group and Panther Explorers.

There are still outstanding issues regarding the windows, poor heating system and inadequate facilities which need addressing, most importantly the lack of disabled users access to the upper floor. The hall will need substantial investment to bring it up to even a basic standard to accommodate users beyond the current lease that expires in 2024.

The committee understands the Parish council is undertaking a major review of the hall in conjunction with its other properties in their portfolio and this is most welcome. The Council may wish to consider absorbing the PHUC into the subcommittee that has responsibility for all council owned halls as this may deliver a more unified approach as plans are drawn up for the future of all the halls and their respective user groups.

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