Remenham Parish Hall - guidelines for noise - proposal

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Background

The Title to Remenham Parish Hall and its surrounding land is held by the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance, as Custodian Trustee. The Parochial Church Council of the Parish Church of Saint Nicholas, Remenham, ('the P.C.C.") is the Managing Trustee. The Remenham Parish Hall Committee is a sub-committee of the P.C.C.

Parish Hall purpose

The Parish Hall is predominantly for the use of the community (defined as people living in Remenham, Henley and surrounding areas, people using the church and people with a connection to the area).

This covers:

- Holding **community events** (e.g. Fayre, Quiz night, Letters evenings, Beetle Drive Christmas mulled wine, litter pickers meeting spot, sponsored walk refreshments, first aid courses, barn dance, film/music/poetry/comedy/wine tasting nights, local committee meetings - RPC, PCC, PHC).
    - Organised by the Parish Hall Committee / the Parish Council / the Parochial Church Council
    - Open to all in the community to attend, raising funds for the hall
- To be available for **hire by local/connected organisations and community groups** (e.g. WI, Henley Town Twinning Association, Youth Groups, HWR/HRR, boat clubs during regatta, 3 counties cycle ride, Arts Club/Trail, Thespians, outdoor theatre group, use of hall as polling station, walking groups)
- To be available for **hire by commercial businesses to hold classes and events for the community** (e.g. dog classes, parent & baby/toddler classes, yoga workshops, wreath making/art & craft workshops, children's classes or holiday clubs, exercise classes)
- To be available for **hire by individuals or businesses for private events** (e.g. kids parties, family celebrations - inc those following events at the church, weddings, business away-days/training days)

Through the above activities, the hall should cover its own costs, including regular maintenance and improvements as the committee see fit e.g. new shed, awning. An annual reserve is kept to cover cost increases, any unexpected costs that may arise, or if a shortfall in bookings is experienced.

In addition, the hall provides funding for the church, with any amounts in excess of the reserve being transferred to the church every November, as per the constitution.

Guidelines

- We do not allow any amplified music outside in order to avoid disturbing the neighbours. Music inside the hall is fine as background music, and we ask that speakers be positioned at the other end of the hall to the garden doors.
- Exceptions to this rule may be allowed, provided that any such exception is formally agreed by the majority of PHC members. For these events, neighbours will be informed as a common courtesy.
- All amplified sound should stop at 11pm (Mon - Sat) and 10.30pm on Sundays
- For any events continuing after 9pm and not attended by a PCC or Parish Hall Committee member, security is required, to ensure the guidelines are not breached. Security must be arranged through the PHC and paid for by the hirer.
- Guidelines to be reviewed annually.