

## **Mendlesham Community Centre Charity Chairs and Financial report for the AGM 17.5.23**

### **Chairs report:**

Our project to take advantage of the unique opportunity to sell the existing building, securing continued use of the Main Hall and Changing Rooms for community hire for the future, and then build a new hall which will be financially and environmentally sustainable and provide modern facilities for the community, available during school times, for the next thirty or so years continues.

There has been some progress in the last year. Much of the year has been spent negotiating with Fields in Trust, for them to agree to release their deed of dedication over the Community Centre Charity building so that it can then be sold to Suffolk County Council. We have also requested permission to build a new building on land owned by Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity. A direct response re the new build has not been received, although our interpretation, to be confirmed by legal opinion, is that the new project falls within Field in Trust Policies.

A public consultation was held from 1.2.23- 31.3.23, followed by a public vote in April 2023 to confirm in preparation for an application to the Charity Commission to :

- a) Merge both charities
- b) Sell Mendlesham Community Centre owned parts of the existing building.

Hire of the existing building is managed by the John Milton Academy Trust, pending sale.

### **Mendlesham Community Centre Charity, Financial Accounts for the year ending 31.3.23 :**

The year end 31.3.23 shows receipts of £5,815.86 (£14,169.11), hire income for the SEND unit pending sale and MSDC Recycling Credits for the Bottle Bank at Mendlesham Kings Head PH ( with thanks to Cllr Allen).

Payments of £5,256.11 (£7,644.98) include legal fees £2647, to advise on the way for a new build following sale, repair and replacements for the existing building £576 and administration and audit fees.

Funds are held in a current account £6,162.28 and deposit account £28,194.95.