

EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL

POLICY FOR CONSIDERATION OF WAIVING OR REDUCING HALL AND COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE CHARGES

Adopted by the Parish Council following their meeting on 19th November 2018

The charges for hall hire are set as part of the Precept process. The cost of maintaining and running and administering the halls and rooms are not covered by the monies raised from lettings. The Parish Council accept that they subsidise the letting charges as part of a service to the community, hirers charges do not therefore reflect the true costs associated with the hire. When offering reduced cost or reduced cost hire this therefore represents a further subsidy from the Parish Council for that particular hirer and the Parish Council need to establish clear grounds for this.

Those organisations which would not be eligible for consideration for reduced hire charges:

- Commercial hirers such as developers for consultations/ businesses for their activities or meetings;
- Other authorities for public meetings;
- Private parties/social gatherings;
- Organisations that charge for entry.

Those organisations which may be considered for zero charges:

- Ewhurst based Charities who rely solely on donations to the charity for their expenses and the hire is required for their organisations to function (this should not be an organisers social gathering);
- Ewhurst based organisation providing a service to the community for which they do not receive a fee;
- Historically the Church receives free hire in connection with Ewhurst Church Fund raising.