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Berrynarbor

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Hi Len,

I had a lively debate with Jim Constantine this dinnertime about the plans for the hall. I have never made any secret about my feelings about the plans or about any repercussions that may occur for the owners if things go wrong.

I and Graham Sanders have both tried to find the minuets on line but have thus far been unable to find them. I pointed this out to Jim and he told me to look on the Berrynarbor site? as the Manor Hall have their own site we were of course looking in the wrong place..... we would have expected them to be on the site that they pertained to.

Also he said that I should wait until the public meeting before making my and others concerns public. I can assure you that the little band of Village Luddites and myself will be there.

I assume this meeting would benefit from being made as short as possible as there will no doubt be many questions from all sides. With this in mind it would help all parties if as a part owner of the parish property I could ask some relevant questions now.

Could I ask: how much money has been gifted to the Management Committee by Public donors, by the council [I notice from the council minuets that £1000 has been ring fenced] or by any other organisation, how much money is in the Manor Hall account at present?

Also how much has thus been spent on: Architects, surveyors, structural engineers, legal advice ECT? Also any monies incurred by committee members for publications and the like and how much more would you anticipate will have to be spent before the process of applying for the grant is in place?

Should the grant be awarded how much will the Village have to find to match it? And are the owners[the parishoners] indemnified should this go wrong

I am quite sure that this letter will be considered as a ploy to put things in the way. If I could point out I am in my 70th year so there is quite a strong possibility that I may not be here to see the

outcome of this. I am speaking for my children grandchildren and great grandchildren, it is not very likely that they will be able be able to afford to live in Berrynarbor as the property prices can only get higher, which means the Village will turn into a retirement settlement.....still I guess that's progress? But I live in hope that one day they will be able to return to where they were born and Christened, and educated.

I hope you don't think there is anything personal in this to you or any of the committee but I feel very strongly about the Hall as do quite a number of other parishioners. I am only addressing this to you as you seem to be the spearhead of the Manor Hall Committee and for that reason only.

All the best, and I will see you at the meeting.

Yours,

Songbird [AKA Lobby Ludd]