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Introduction

- Danehill Parish Council along with Action in rural Sussex (AirS) undertook a review of the local facilities in the parish in August/September 2017. The review included all local amenities such as the village halls, social club, pavilion, football pitches, tennis court etc.
- AirS (external independent professional service) provided an unbiased picture by gathering evidence from the current and potential users of these facilities, providers of services at these facilities and those who run and manage these facilities to help the Parish Council identify ways to improve, enhance and provide better facilities and services within the parish.
- Two separate workshops were held to allow participants the ability to talk freely and openly. The first workshop which started at 7.30pm was held on Wednesday 9th August at the Danehill Memorial Hall and lasted just under 1.5 hours with refreshments from 7.15 pm. It attracted over 65 residents.
- The second workshop was held on Thursday 14th September at the Chelwood Gate Village Hall also from 7.30pm with a 7.15pm refreshment start. The second one was aimed at the trustees, management and those who run the facilities in the parish. It was attended by 21 people including some Parish Councillors.



1. Do you or does anyone in your household use any of the facilities in the parish? If so, which ones do you use and what purposes? If not, why is this so?

Facility	Purpose
Rec/ Pavilion	Ashdown weekend (7)
	School sports day (4)
	pavilion
	Football / football pitch (7)
	fitness training
	Tennis/tennis courts (9)
	Basketball
	Facilities used by Danehill school (4)
	Celebrations (2)
	Dog walking (1)
	Rec grounds (3)
CGVH	Nursery (4)
	Personal hire
	Christmas events (2)
	Market (16)
	Meetings (2)
	Post office (12)
	Party (7)
	Pilates (2)
	Bridge club (4)
	Drop in (3)
	Bus service (5)
	Bowls club (2)
	Bridleways and footpath (10)
	Photography club (2)
	Ashdown W.I. (4)
	Farm Shop (van) (3)
	Wet Fish van (2)
	Coffee mornings
	Fish and Chips (2)
	Yoga
	Funeral reception
	C G Cricket Club
	Parish Council
	Library (1)?
	TNT (3)
	ICE (2)
	Market (15)
	Elections
	Personal Hire
	Children's party (2)
	Ashdown Café (20)

Danehill Village Hall	Karate (5)
	Pilates (2)
	Parties (3)
	Xmas markets (3)
	Bridleways and footpath (10)
	Panto (7)
	Badminton (3)
	Barn dance (1)
	Historic society (11)
	Extend (2)
	Exercise for elderly
	Church – café church
	Youth club (4)
	Nursery sale (6)
	Parish Council Meetings
	Art Exhibitions
	Social events
	W I Teas
Jubilee Green	Cycle
	Footpath
	Dog walking (6)
	Football activity / playing football (4)
	Village day (4)
	Tea party (2)
	Beavers
	BMX Track (4)
	BBQ Parties
The Old dairy Shop	Heaven Farm (2)
	Furners green
Ashdown forest	Horse riding and dog walking
Social Club	DWAG (6)
	Post office (15)
	Social events (2)
	Danehill Mens Action Club
	DMAG (Drunken Mens Association)
	Drinking (7)
	Off licence (1)
Burial Ground	3
Church	Parent and Toddler Group – Noah's Ark
Danehill Church and grounds	Concerts (2)
Chelwood Gate Church	Old Saints fellowship (4)
	Youth Club (1)
	Concerts (4)

Chelwood Gate Forest Space	5
Cats protection	Field (2)
	Café (3)
Cumnor	Concerts (2)
	Swimming (3)
	Xmas Markets (3)
Danehill School	3
Turners Flowers/logs	1
Wych Cross Garden centre	1
Llama Park	1
Coach & Horses Pub	

1a. If not, why is this so?

Social club

- Social club – Needs blowing up!!
- Social Club – insufficient publicity, not appealing

Danehill

- Danehill - we don't use Danehill facilities because by the time we are down there, we have to leave a lot earlier to get back up the hill
- Danehill VH – not suitable for badminton club due to size and ceiling height issues.
- Danehill VH – outdated facility
- Danehill VH – Cold in winter
- Danehill VH – restricted parking
- Danehill VH – Too cold and damp (2)

Chelwood Gate

- Chelwood Gate VH - Post office – not used as it is a little unreliable
- Chelwood Gate Hall – do not drive, Jubilee Green – ditto
- Chelwood Gate VH – small but nice position
- Chelwood Gate VH – dated

BMX Track

- BMX Track - We would use it more if a jump park could be created for people who have mastered the current track
- I don't use the BMX track because it has been partly destroyed. Also that's about it really.

Recreation ground and Jubilee Green

- Recreation ground – not used loads because it's too muddy
- Rec - I do not use the Rec because it is too wet and the nets need replacing

- Danehill Rec – Too muddy and floods
- The park at Danehill needs revamp and new equipment
- Jubilee Green - want to use picnic tables on the walk way from Jubilee Green but midges are so bad
- Danehill Pavilion – not fit for use, needs a whole new building and purpose.

General

- I do not use facilities as I have no need at present but I shall do next year
- No use of halls as yet due to lack of activities interested in. Would welcome a film club and would offer exercise classes in the evening to suit working people/parents with children
- Other childcare outside school and nursery hours

2. Do you use other facilities outside of the parish, if so where and for what purposes?

Place	Purpose
Ashurst Wood	Pet food (2) butchers (1), hairdressers (1), yoga (1)
Forest Row	Doctors (9), Vets (6), library (4), tennis club (2), shopping (8), skatepark (4), playpark (1), Weir Wood Reservoir (1), Costa Coffee (1), post office (1), dentist (2), Pub (1), Hop Mard (1), golf club (2), health shops (1), vegan café (1), cycling (1), running (1), equine (1), Ashdown Health centre (8), yoga (1), farmers market (1), mountain biking (1), sailing (1), Co-Op (1), garage (1),
Haywards Heath	Sainsbury's (7), swimming (5), railway station (8), library (2), shopping (2) exercise (1), dentist (1), 3VA (1), pub (1), Dolphin leisure centre (1), sports (1), hairdressers (2), hospital (1)
East Grinstead	Cinema (9), Shopping (8), Bank (2), Hospital (1) Vet (3), Deers Leap Park (1), dentist (2), pub (1), Chartham Park CC(1), Badminton (2), swimming/sport (2), squash/tennis (1), hairdressers (1), Weatherspoon (1), Wicks (1), Chequer Mead (1), theatre (2),
Cuckfield	Sport (1), Shopping (1), dentist (1)
Lindfield	School (1), doctors (7), shopping (9), physiotherapist (1), post office (1), barbers (1), café (1), pub (1), bakery (1), personal fitness (1), rugby (1), spa (1), beavers (1), exercise (3), playground (1), Co-Op (1),
Nutley	Petrol (7), curry (6), village hall (2), pizza (3), restaurants (1), sport (1), squash and tennis courts (2), village shop (1),
Burgess Hill	Triangle sports centre (4), dentists (1),
Scaynes Hill	Petrol (5), nursery (1), pub (1), educational training (1),
Ardingly	School (3), Showground (8), Reservoir (4), dance (1), reservoir sailing (1),
Fletching	Café (1), Pub (3), Village Hall (2), choir practice (1)
Hartfield	Winnie the pooh (3), Forest walks (5), Butchers (1), pub (1)
Crowborough	Osteopath (1), Shopping (5), Horder Centre Physio (3), Lidl,

	Waitrose, mountain biking/skatepark (1), Vet (1), care home (1), wealdlink shopping bus (1), Zumba (1)
Newick	Pub (2), Doctors (3), playground and pavilion (1), shopping (1), hairdressers (1),
Sheffield Park	National Trust (9), Trading bound (1),
Uckfield	Cinema (11), swimming (3), dentist (2), leisure centre (1), pub (1), horse riding (1), barneys soft play (1), gymnastics (1), Utopia sports centre(2), shopping (2), Vet (1), hairdressers (1), children's activities (1), garages (1), Bridge club (1), civic hall (1)
Lewes	cinema
Maresfield	Vet (3), gymnastics (1), indoor bowls club (2), tennis (1), garage (3), Zumba, restaurant (2)
Horsted Keynes	Shop (3), swoove exercise (1), produce show (1), Bluebell railway (1), visiting care home (1), village stores (1)
East Sussex G. Club	Health club (1),
Hove	Rugby (1),
Wivelsfield	Green (1), pub (1),
Piltdown	Golf (1),
Chailey	Doctors (1), shopping (1), dentist (1),
Brighton	hairdressers (1),



3. *If you currently use or have used any of the facilities in the past, were they fit for the purposes you used them for? If not, what can be done to improve upon them?*

Social Club:

- Outdated, smells of stale alcohol and cigarettes.
- Not welcoming to new people
- Unattractive to surrounding AONB
- Used by few families and felt to benefit those
- Used twice but not again due to above
- Generally very tatty and needs a revamp

Danehill VH

- All good – paint, Good for children's parties,
- School could use more
- Greater use could be made of the stage
- Needs a look at safety for users – front car park by main road.
- **Parking** (Expand car park, Path to carpark is not level, Parking could be improved, Parking (lighting) and secure cycle storage
- Playground needs attention
- **Temperature** (Lack of heating, heating, Cold in winter, Far too cold - the general feeling is that this contributes to some of the problems.
- **Appearance** (Could be spruced up for e.g. parties, Floor, new kitchen, audio, etc... Generally old and tatty, in need of restoration or modernisation
- **Size** (A bit small for village market, For badminton – bad – not fit for purpose, too small, ceiling not tall enough,)
- Maybe a venue for travelling cinema
- Covered bus shelter
- DMH -Extend – good – just need more people
- **Logistics** (Lacking AV good A/V facilities e.g. projection, sound, microphones etc.,
- **Kitchen** is fine - but tatty and the std crockery/glasses etc. and equipment not good enough
- Ashdown Café (2nd Friday x monthly) – good- well supported, facilities great, just need more people
- DMH – Historical Society – Good – well supported, provides a good meeting place for meetings, comfortable.
- Footpath between the two villages
- Need or exercise classes in the evenings
- Disabled Facilities were highlighted as a problem - but it appears that this was wrong.

Rec Danehill + Pavilion

- Pavilion needs to be regenerated (i.e. Youth group – permanent building for children and young people)
- Possible permanent nursery based at pavilion

- Encourage sporting activities
- Sand track for horses and running track
- Pavilion not used, derelict, great potential for something,

Danehill Club

- Ok – in need of modernised, new carpet, updated toilet facilities/ wrought iron good. –

Chelwood Gate VH

- Used for nursery – not fit for purpose
- Heating – burns children – no safe disabled access
- Toilet areas not good
- Unsafe outside area
- Hall has a nicer ambience than DHVH
- Not enough space for more than one activity
- Should maybe be sold as part of a centralisation of facilities
- Better storage at Chelwood Gate Village Hall
- Children play equipment in Jubilee Green
- Access from car park to Jubilee Green

Chelwood Gate Bus stop

- Bad – leaks/ grim on walls, graffiti, ants, rest pretty horrible

Church

- Good – lots going on / serves community well

Jubilee Green

- Ok, track to be improved: expanded to be more variety of jumps – Easy – Med – Hard
- Good – football used and Ok, needs improved surface

What would make you consider using the facilities in the parish if you currently do not use them -

Social Club:

- External renovation and Internal renovation
- No membership, all access
- A non-profit shop/café – jobs for youngsters
- Never been in it
- Generally negative association with name 'social club' – old men drinking
- Open café not well frequented – now shut

Tennis courts

- Should maybe have some e.g. tennis evenings giving how good they are looking now
- Looking good, more communal use
- Tennis coaching?

3b. How can we improve upon existing facilities and activities for the older population and young people?

Danehill Village Memorial Hall (DVMH)

- Not enough cutlery or crockery. Currently have to hire when numbers get above 20. i.e. W.I cream tea for 50 – only 17 knives in drawer. Had to do runs home. Not enough loo rolls!
- Not easily accessible for elderly, footpath narrow, lighting
- Dangerous road (A275) for children
- Heating - cold
- Parking - Car park is poor - access in and out not great
- Short bowls
- Access for OAPs to DHVH
- Modernise and improve village hall and areas around, improve access
- General upgrade to Memorial hall
- Small meeting room
- Height not suitable for badminton
- Access on to A22 – sight lines
- Chairs uncomfortable for extend group
- Flooring – trip hazard

Chelwood Gate Village Hall (CGVH)

- Local people take children to nurseries out of parish as the hours the current nursery is allowed to operate (given by Chelwood Gate Village Hall Committee)
- Underused building + nursery desperate to improve!, Nursery staff left out
- Disabled access loos
- General upgrade to Chelwood gate VH, access to Jubilee ground
- Used CGVH – resigned due to acrimonious locals!
- Used forest behind CGVH – must be looked after as an activity/nature area for youngsters who will learn to enjoy nature and develop a love for the outdoors and learn to enjoy a healthy lifestyle

Churches

- Could the church be used more e.g. for concerts?

The Rec

- Update play equipment on the Rec
- Football on recreation ground because waterlogged- new surface

Pavilion

- Could the pavilion be used for something?
- neglected

Social club

- Few people know that the Social club has an off licence facility and apparently the wines are good
- Needs updating

Danehill School

- Improve sports facilities for Danehill School

Cumnor

- Swimming at Cumnor

BMX Track

- Improve activities for children (BMX track for all)
- Invest a little bit of time to improve track. Ideally to create a jump park. Separate to 1st easy track a track to be more difficult. (All year round facility). Existing track falls between two stools - need one for younger and one for older children

Activities

- Move Bridge club to DHVH so nursery doesn't have to close at the time
- Permanent facility dedicated to excellent provision of childcare wrap around care – help with school wrap around care. Could provide a training centre for early childhood educators to earn a bit of money to cover expenses for a non-profit nursery/childcare. Which is just for childcare – not having to close for a 2 hour post office/ 1 hour Bridge club. Both old and young must be equally valued in our parish – Extend nursery hours
- Activity rather than tea and cake (e.g. crafts, exercise, talks)
- Equal resources for old and young



4. What facilities and activities are lacking for the elderly and young people and how can they be provided?

Boosting our Economy

- Post office
- Banking
- Bookshop
- The Social Club had a shop but few people knew about it and it folded - could it be re-opened?
- Shop (x2) – halfway between Danehill and Chelwood gate – shop will be well supported, proper shop. Local people employed in it, newspapers, magazines, basics. Shop especially at weekend
- Everyone understands the issues - but what about pop up shops on certain days - we could invite almost like a mini market or alternating pop ups
- Broadband for both old and young
- Post office and banking facilities – especially for elderly
- Village shop – bakers
- Bookshop

Supporting our Social Life

- Socialising amenities
- Picnic tables
- Barbecues at Jubilee Green and near the pavilion?
- BBQ
- Place for wrap-around childcare
- Before and After school club
- Lonely hearts lunch
- Craft talks

Planning

- Housing - Planning regulations should be relaxed to allow low cost or lower cost housing

Promoting Sports and Healthy Living

- Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) – none at Chelwood Gate
- What about a skate park (x2)
- Children facilities on Jubilee green
- Sports facilities and outdoor gym – outside gym. What if the grounds around the Village halls had something like an outside gym, or a challenge course? (x3)
- Areas around village hall should be used (table tennis). Could install a permanent table tennis table at the Rec or Jubilee green (x3)
- Bowls court (for families) be nice to have one in the area. Suggestion to install one by the current Bowls club (x2)
- Outdoor exercise tools
- Exercise classes, gym, dancing
- Exercise yard for the young

Availability and Access to Services

- Not enough volunteers
- Allow Cycle permits for the forest - charge for them and they can raise money
- Bus Service to Uckfield (x2) because a number of problems for people especially those whose children go to school there
- Install a bike rack at Chelwood gate bus stop (x 2)
- Minibus to allow village to share facilities (community bus). A minibus service from one to another located in Danehill or Chelwood Gate so we can use new facilities

Education

- Crèche/Nursery - Could this be done at DVMH or C Gate? What about a purpose built nursery?
- Nursery school

Medical

- Local doctor practice in village hall



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Current State of Facilities

Facility Name	What currently WORKS WELL	What could do with some IMPROVEMENTS
Social Club	Licensed	Advertising could be better
	Good parking (car park) x 2	Décor poor x 2
	Post Office x 2	Beer smell
	Mobile market	Number of people that use it. Membership dropped (80-90) x 2
	Fish and Chips	Noise, image
	Events, Bands, Gigs x 2	Younger users x 2 (Youth venue?, younger don't tend to join)
	Facilities for Pool, darts, table tennis x2	Too big as intimate space
	Cheap bar	Lacking disabled facilities
	Free venue for events	Used by small number of families
	Open to all	Degree of out of fashion
	Big enough	Is it still relevant/sustainable?
Church	Variety of uses	Move furniture to create space
	Links with school	Kitchen and toilet at Chelwood Gate
	Sunday services all ages x 2	Heating
	Events - seasonal events - concerts	Could embrace other faiths
	Members involved with the community	Maintenance
	Youth group/work x 2	
	Education for children	
	Funerals	
	Marriages	
	Messy church	

	Village market in the grounds	
	Danehill well attended	
Danehill Hall	Lot of regular bookings	Car park/ footpath/ no lighting to car park x 2
	Bigger activities, pantomime x 2	Kitchen needs replacing, cutlery x 2
	Facility for 100 / bigger facility options x 2	Roof - water coming through x 2
	Central	Floor x 2
	Badminton	More storage
	Ashdown café	Heating - cold ,automate thermostat x 2
	Youth Club	Exit on to the A275
	Disables facilities	AV system
	Warm	Inadequate car park immediately outside
	Extra committee room	Guttery maintenance
	Complement CGVH	Ambience not friendly / not intimate
	Physical activities	Not high enough for badminton
		Equipment for large groups
Chelwood Gate VH	Tidy well looked after (clean, good impression) x 2	Parish council office hardly used - flexibility to move out to Danehill Memorial Hall
	Convenient and comfortable	Lack of extra room unhelpful
	Mobile van fish	Storage issue for nursery facilities
	Always warm / heating x 2	Bigger? Planning permission?
	Catering facilities good	Disabled toilet
	Good location	Gents toilet
	Forest school	Storage is outside not inside
	Car parking good x 2	sound system for hearing problems

	Easy to work equip	
	Pop up post office x 2	
	Flooring	
	Lots of bookings	
	Nursery works well	
	Coffee mornings	
Recreational Ground & Pavilion	Tennis courts improved x 2	Children's playground area
	Dog walking	Pavilion (unused) unfit, needs maintenance/demolish x 2
	In the summer it works well	Football pitch is unusable
	Ashdown Weekend	Drainage very bad
	Decent, big open space for all activities	Unused pavilion
	Basketball	Hard core path needed
	Playground popular	
	Opportunity for development	
Jubilee Green	It exists, accessible, Ashdown Fun run	Barbed wire fence with Village Hall
	Been improved - grass seeding	No dedicated car park / conflict with Village Hall users
	Well used, used a lot x 2	Repair needed for some areas - maintenance contract needed
	BMX track	Management /Mulching
	Picnic tables	BBQ?, BMX
		Garden of remembrance
Burial Ground	Works well - nearly full	State of benches
	Extension being completed	Complete the extension
		Steps

Chelwood Gate Village Green	Good avenue of trees	Make access for locals
		Change Jubilee Green into V. Green?
Cricket Club	Lovely pavilion - good state of repairs	Not parish team members - on edge
	Good team but not from parish	No coaching for children /youth
	Available for other games - stool ball	Make more use for other games
	Good history - Guinness book of Records	No parking - relies on 1-2 members
Isle of Thorns Bowls Club	Recently refurbished clubhouse / kitchen	Do not have formal disabled facilities
	Open to all - open days Mon & Thurs	Not used all year - everyone welcome
	Good car parking	Potential for indoor bowls
	Sussex University use for telescope	

Priorities and Deliverability

Looking at each facility, what are the priority issues, how high or low are these priorities and how soon can this be addressed?

Facility	List of Priority	Level of Priority	Term of Project
Social Club	Advertising	Medium	Medium
	More people to use it	Medium	Medium
	Decorating	High	Short
	Noise image	Low	Medium
	Communication	Medium	Short
	Look at future alongside other community buildings	Medium	Long
	Social Club = Rename?		
Chelwood Gate VH	Disabled toilet	High	Short
	Toilet facilities/ Disabled toilet	High	Medium
	Storage inside	Low	Long
	Sound system	Low	Long
	Parish Council Office to be moved? to provide extra room – multi- purpose room	Medium	Medium
Danehill Hall	Floor	Medium	Medium
	Floor - new, repair	High	Medium
	Roof	High	Short
	Roof - guttering	High	Short
	Heating - investigation	High	Short
	Kitchen	High	Short
	Carpark/Footpath	Medium	Medium
	No lighting to car park	High	Short - med
	Exit on to A275 (cut hedge)	Low	Long
	AV system	Low	Long
	Equipment	Medium	Short
	Revisit the rebuilding of hall/land swop	Medium	Long
	Revisit range of community buildings	Medium	Long
	Heating- lower roof to help, move badminton to Cumnor.		
Rec Ground	Children's playground area	High	Short
	Pavilion	Low	Long
	Football pitch	High	Medium
	Look alongside use of land for new community buildings / land swops	Medium	Long

Church	Toilet at Chelwood Gate	High	Short
	Advertising	Medium	Short
	Heating	Medium	Medium
	Youth worker (3 years)	Medium	Long
	Move furniture to create space	Low	Long
Jubilee Green	Barbeques (BBQs)	Medium	Medium
	BMX Track	Medium	Medium
	BMX track maintenance	Medium	Medium
	Garden of remembrance	Medium	Medium
	Maintenance contract	High	Short
	Barbed wire removal - needs hedge to grow enough		Long
	Extend the car park from the Village Hall to make extra parking for JG		Long
Burial Ground	State of benches	Medium	Medium
	Complete extension	High	Short
	Steps	High	Short
Isle of Thorns Bowls Club	Marketing of facilities, improved communication, links to Parish Council website, parish mag, leaflets	High	Short



Implementations and Support

Categorise identified priorities into Independent (what the community can do for itself) and Dependent (what it will depend on other providers/services). What type or level of support will be required for the actual implementation?

Facilities	Will it rely on External support or can be delivered by the community?	What type of support would be required?
Community Buildings (2 Village halls + Social Club) to provide multi use facility on recreation ground	Dependent	Planning, Land, funding
Community Buildings (2 Village halls + Social Club) working together more to provide modern /up to date facilities	Independent	Volunteers, Working party - quarterly, One person doing bookings
Social Club - no easy solutions/fixes for outdated facility. Attitudes are harder to solve	Independent	
Jubilee Green - Underway (regrading and reseeding) - due for use in spring. Maintenance contract required.	Independent	Parish Council action
Jubilee Green - BMX maintenance	Independent	Parish Council action
Danehill Recreation ground - table tennis, BBQ facilities, Outdoor Gym, Picnic tables	Independent	Funding from Parish Council. Agreement about design
Danehill Recreation Ground and Pavilion - decide what to do with pavilion	Independent	
Outdoor facilities - BBQ, table tennis, outdoor Gym	Independent	Funding / Agreement
Church - Toilets etc. Youth worker (PC)	Dependent	School providers, PC Funding, Support & process
Cricket Club - all weather facility drier than Rec Ground	Independent	Funding / Permission
Burial Ground	Independent	Parish Council fundraising including steps

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