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I am very unhappy with the section in the Village Plan about the Ron Dawson Hall.

There are a number of inaccurate statements and several omissions.

In the first paragraph mention should be made that the field is now being used on a weekly basis by a local youth football club, the Ropsley Colts.

In the second paragraph, the seated capacity should be 100. It has not hosted the Club(sic) scouts for over 5 years or the Horticultural Society for at least 3 years.

It is unhelpful to describe the Hall as a "Long way" from the centre of the village. At worst it is less than half a mile from the market square and a lot less for most of the more recent estates. The numbers of villagers attending for the community functions at the Queen's Jubilee and the recent Coronation were amongst the highest in the village.

The phrase "did not rate particularly highly" clearly has a negative connotation. As I understand it, there were only a handful of comments on the subject at all. If this is the case then the negativity is not appropriate. The impression given is of a village feeling that the hall is not well thought of. Half a dozen comments from a community of over 1000 does not warrant this. Better to indicate that there were few comments than to state it was evident that the hall did not rate highly.

The use of the phrase "Funded by Pre-School" is pretty contentious. It would be as fair to say that Pre-School was funded by the Hall given the rent they are being charged is well below normal commercial rates.

The final point is that none of the Trustees of the Charity have any family connections with Ron Dawson (who incidentally was not the original benefactor – it was in memoriam to him). The remaining committee members who were related to him retired several years ago after long service on the committee but no longer have any involvement as Trustees.

I accept that some of the above points are matters of opinion, but the factual errors should be corrected.

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