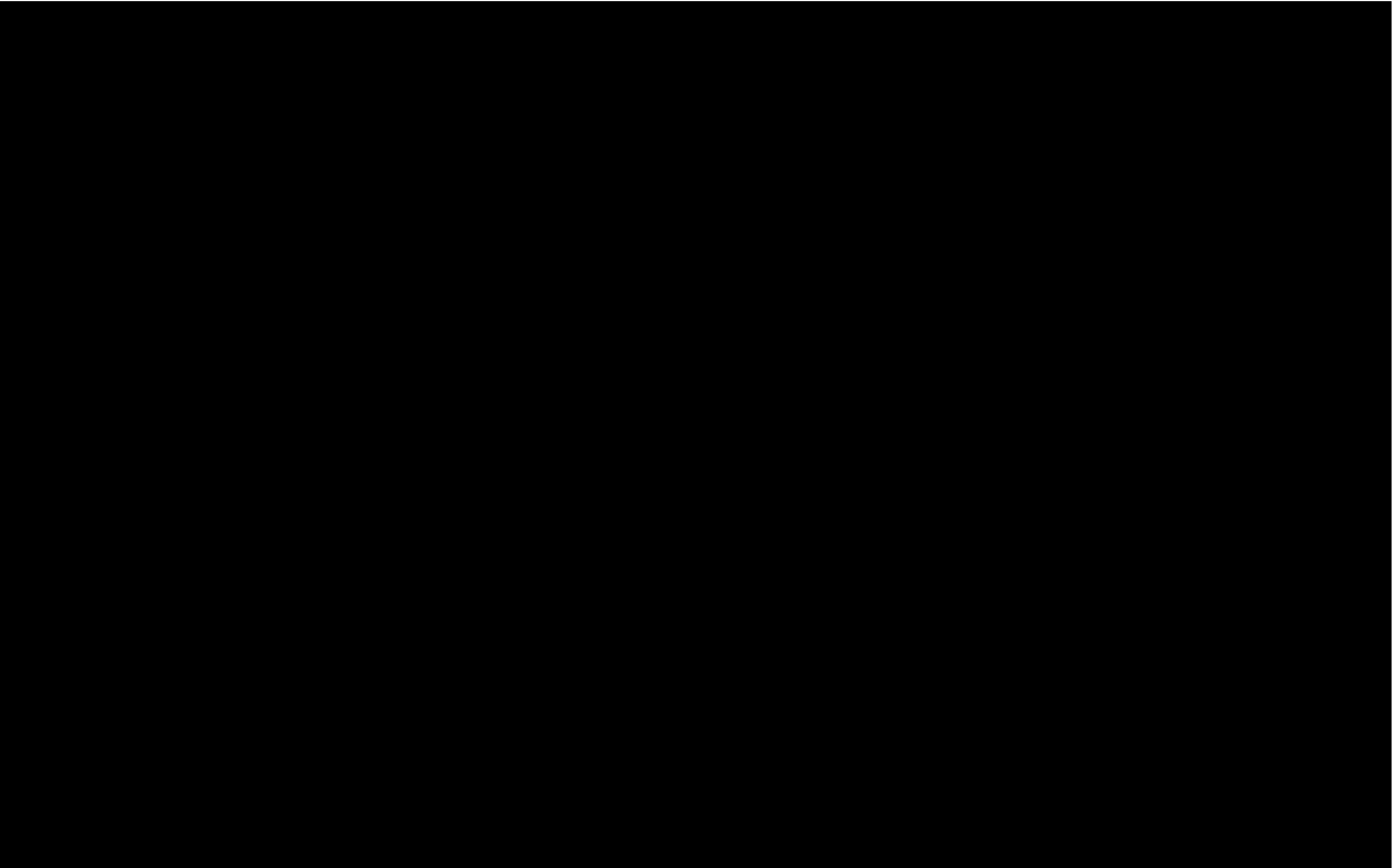




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To: Planning
Subject: Barnham Community Hall : ref DC/18/13

FAO Mrs J Chapman, ref. DC/18/13

During my time as Parish Clerk and my wife Helen's seven year tenure as Hall Manager, we only had one complaint about youths making a noise late at night. The police were called and established that the incident had nothing to do with the parish hall – the youngsters had got drunk elsewhere and were larking about on Murrell's Field in the dark.

We were quite frequently booked for parties on Saturdays and occasionally on Sundays, on average once or twice each month each month. Up to 100 people attended these events and they generated up to about 60 cars, which were parked along Yapton Road. Usually there would be about 30 cars. We never had any trouble at these events which were always supervised by adults. I am sure that the current car park, even with its gravel surface would generate less noise than parking along Yapton Road will have generated. It is also safer as it contains people within the community hall grounds, rather than spilling out onto the highway and relying on kerb parking.

We had an entertainments license which had a wide range of hours, something like 7am until 2pm although no music was never played after midnight.

Given my experience of past events I would be most surprised if "girls screaming late at night" had anything to do with the community hall. It is far more likely they were on Murrell's Field, having obtained alcohol elsewhere. Surely to provide entertainment and events at the community hall will help reduce unsupervised, bored teenagers from making their own entertainment, which may well cause disturbance and concern for residents.

Please let me know if there is any further information you require, as I feel that the current 11pm restriction is totally unreasonable and not founded on any evidence of past use.

Eddie Tarbard, former Clerk to Barnham Parish Council