

A statement regarding the Club/Shop and the Hub group

Ahead of the meeting we wish to confirm that the Club is not in support of the proposed changes identified in the recent leaflet from the Wethersfield Hub Group.

As a Club Committee we wrote to the Hub Group to express our disappointment at the wording of the leaflet, which gives the impression that the changes proposed have been fully agreed with the Club/Shop moving forward. No such agreement has been reached on the proposal set out by the Hub Group, and any such agreement or otherwise would have to come from the Members of the Club.

We also objected strongly to the phrase where the Club was perceived as a 'rear alley private Men's Club' as this was both insulting and degrading to all those who work there and those who use the Club facilities.

We asked for a retraction and clarification of the above statements to be sent to the Parish.

We have now had a meeting with the Hub Group and the response we have received from them is as follows:

Statement of Clarification from WHDG to the membership of The Club

The WHDG want to apologise for any misunderstanding that has arisen from Club members' reading of the recent information pamphlet, with specific reference to the following:

1. The Hub group wish it be known that they did not intend to imply that any Hub proposals had been approved or pre-agreed by The Club. It has always been understood by WHDG that approval needed to be gained from the membership. Only now can various options be put before The Club for proper consideration. For the record no formal proposals have yet been put before The Club to consider.

2. The WHDG did not intend to imply that The Club had not moved on from being a close membership Working Men's Club. The point WHDG was seeking to stress is that, despite having an open and family friendly membership, this perception still exists. The Hub Project could help The Club's long term objective in projecting a warm welcome to all and encouraging a broader group of members.

Please support the Club and the Shop and join us in taking forward both after this most difficult of times.