

Cornhill Community Action Status report - 11th May 2022

Re-connection of electricity and water:

On 29th March NCC agreed to pay for the re-connections but by 4th May, nothing had happened. The clerk to the PC wrote to Glen Sanderson, leader of NCC, explaining the problem. He acted swiftly and we are now assured that payment would be made and the transactions should be cleared by today (11th May). This has taken 20 months from when first noted.

CAT: As soon as the re-connections are made the PC's solicitor will complete the CAT transfer.

Building work: Great progress was made until the end of March when the building work had to stop for three reasons:

- no electricity and no water connection – but the latter requires preliminary plumbing;
- no bank account, despite much effort by AL;
- no funding - with no bank account, SW has been unable to organise funding.

With the goodwill of Steven Lackenby, internal joinery continues to progress and the plumbing necessary before the water is reconnected, will be done.

Work on other contracts such as heating and decorating cannot proceed until the funding situation is resolved.

Bank account: On May 6th, we heard that, at last, we have a bank account with NatWest.

Finances: Once the re-connections are made, renovation work can resume but as of now we have no money.

We already owe the builder a little over £3000.

The joinery should arrive during May and that bill, about £8000, will have to be paid by the end of May.

Plumbing work prior to the water re-connection, will cost about £400.

Therefore we need £12,000 by the end of May.

With the bank account in place, SW has a number of possibilities in the pipeline.

Do we try to get a loan until some funding is in place?