HUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

PROPOSAL



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INTRODUCTION

Hunston Parish Council would like to share with you a proposal to build a new village hall on the recreation ground, directly across the road from the current hall. This proposal comes after years of careful consideration, feedback from users, and ongoing challenges that have made it clear our existing facility no longer meets the needs of our growing community.

We understand that any proposed changes to community infrastructure need to be carefully considered, with your input playing a central role. That's why we want to share with you the reasons behind this proposal, the issues we face with the current building, and the many benefits a new village hall could bring to Hunston.

WHY WE'RE PROPOSING A NEW HALL

While the village hall has served our community since its original construction in 1948, and with the Community Club established in the early 80's, alongside the rebuild in 1994. Time and usage have taken their toll. The current building now faces several key limitations that hinder its usability, safety, and sustainability:

1. Serious Parking Constraints
2. Inadequate Disability Access
3. Unsustainable Running Costs
4. Limited Potential for Modern Facilitites
5. Aging Infrastructure
6. Poor Usuage Patterns
7. Not Fit for Purpose
8. Dangers of Crossing The Road
9. Lack of Outdoor Space



1. SERIOUS PARKING CONSTRAINTS

The current car park is not fit for purpose. It was never designed to accommodate the volume of vehicles generated by today's regular hall users and football events on the adjoining playing field. This leads to:

Overcrowding

especially during weekends when both events and football matches are scheduled.

No available parking for hall users

with spaces often filled by players and spectators.

Limited access for emergency services & deliveries

This situation has frequently led to frustration among hirers and even caused bookings to be cancelled due to lack of access.







2. INADEQUATE DISABILITY ACCESS

- Limited and poorly located disabled parking restricts access for people with mobility issues attending events and activities.



3. UNSUSTAINABLE RUNNING COSTS

- High heating and maintenance costs
- Inefficient heating systems and energy use
- Rising energy prices increasing financial pressure on the Parish Council and hall users



4. LIMITED POTENTIAL FOR MODERN FACILITIES

- Limited scope for upgrades or expansion
- Difficult to improve energy efficiency and facilities
- New hall designed to meet current and future needs

5. AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Over 30 years old and showing significant wear
- Ongoing roof, brickwork, and drainage issues
- Rising repair costs make refurbishment uneconomical



6. POOR USAGE PATTERNS

- The hall is significantly underused
- Only around 12 hours of weekly bookings, plus limited additional monthly use
- Irregular usage patterns reduce long-term viability
- Insufficient income to support
- effective maintenance and operation



7. NOT FIT FOR PURPOSE



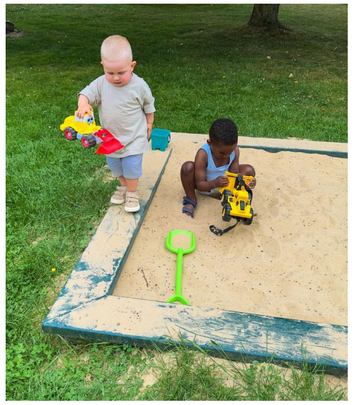
- The hall is not suitable for many local groups and potential hirers
- Poor acoustics and echoing limit its use for events and classes
- Layout, facilities, and condition do not meet modern expectations
- Some organisations have chosen not to use the hall
- Highlights the need for a modern, flexible facility that better supports community activities

1. DANGERS OF CROSSING THE ROAD



- Users must cross a busy B-road between the village hall and recreation field
- This poses a significant safety risk, especially for children
- Large events split between the hall and field require frequent road crossings
- Attendees must cross the road to access toilet facilities and other amenities
- Current layout creates ongoing safety concerns and is not suitable for modern community events

1. LACK OF OUTDOOR SPACE



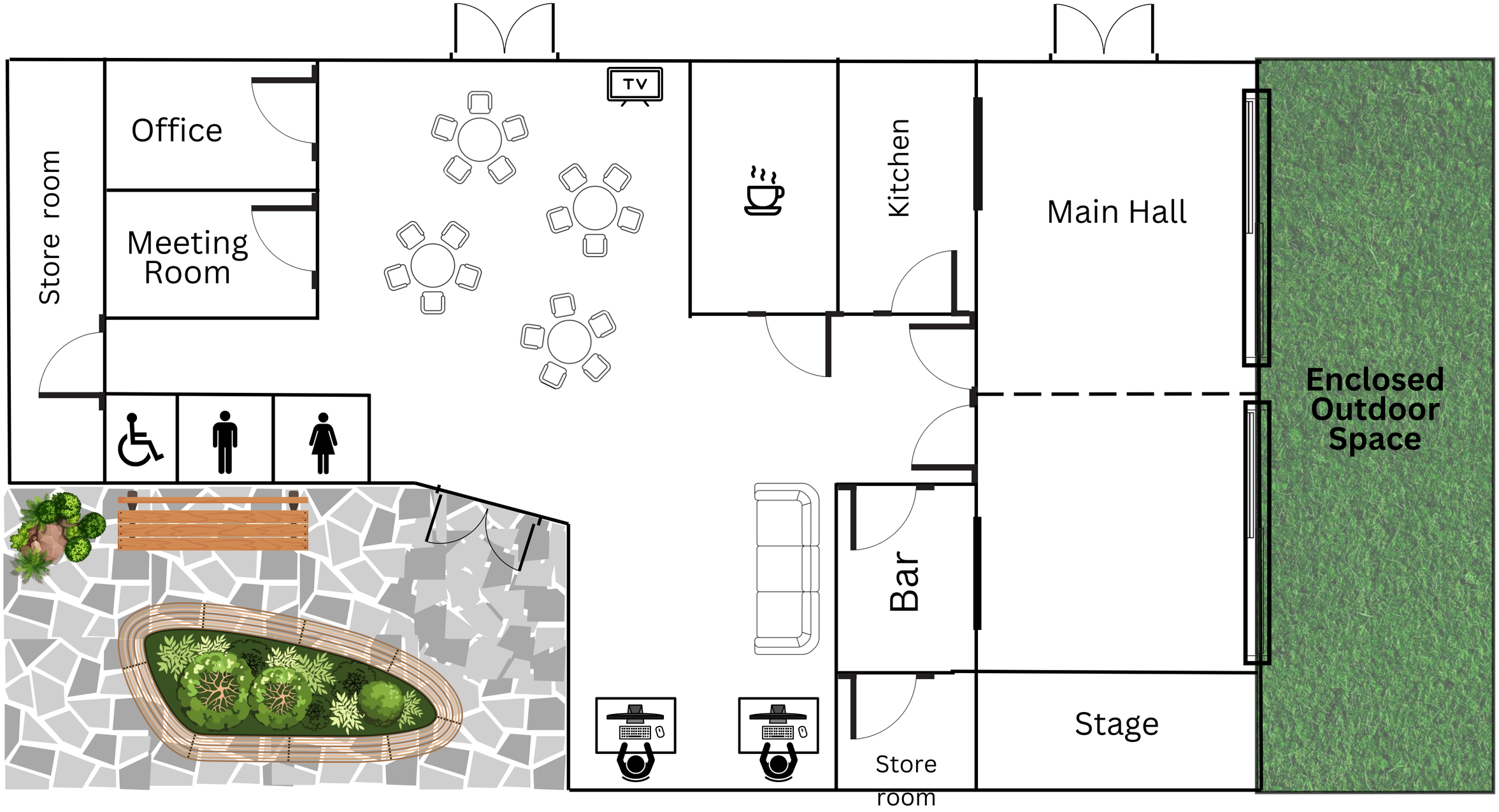


- No outdoor space limits use of the hall, particularly during summer months
- Reduces appeal for family events, children's activities, and community gatherings
- Prevents seamless indoor–outdoor events such as fairs, parties, and sports days
- Limits flexibility for catering, seating, and overflow capacity during larger events
- Makes the venue less attractive compared to other local facilities with outdoor areas
- Constrains opportunities for community engagement and seasonal activities

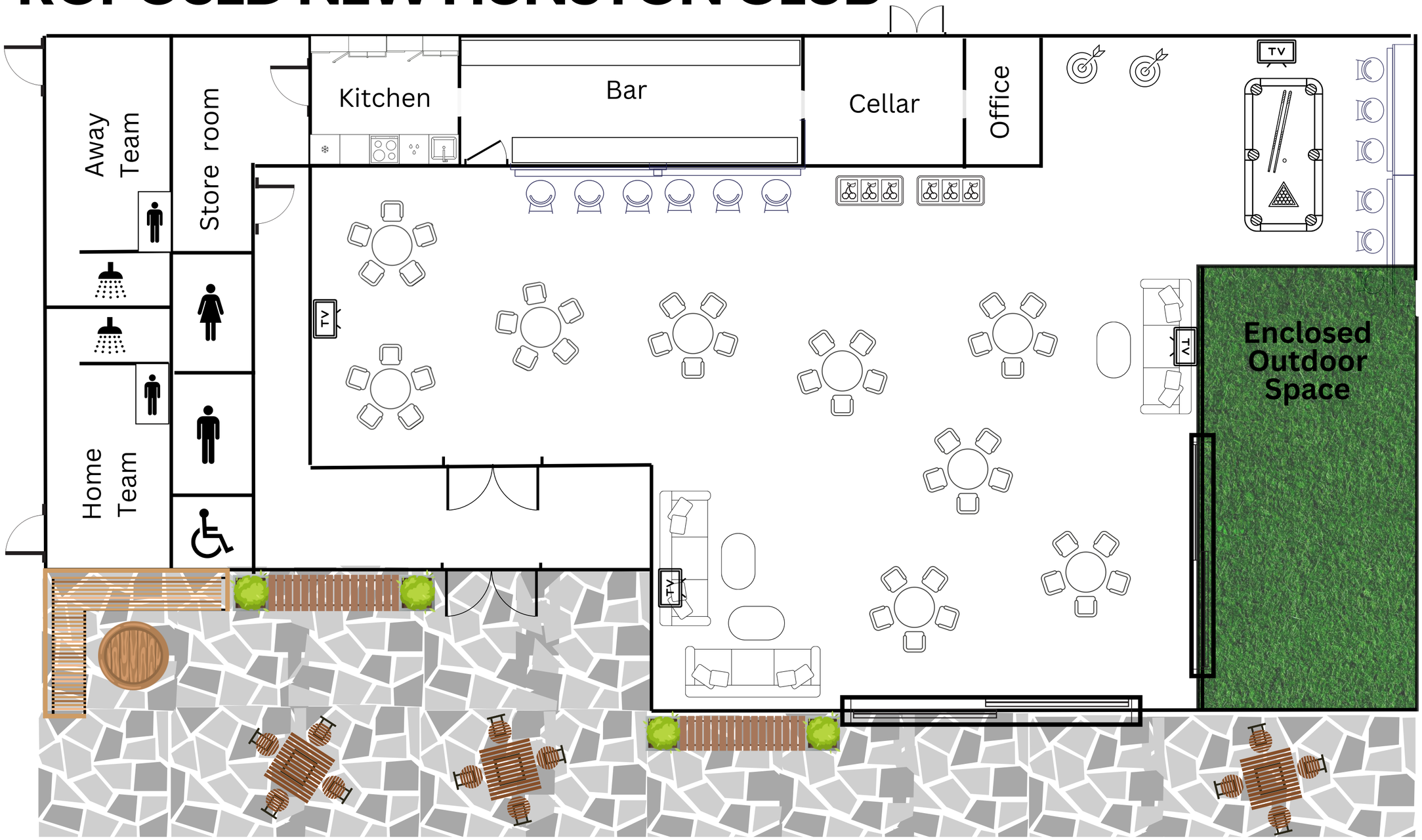
New Community Centre Facilities

1. **NEW Cafe & Kitchen**
   Open throughout the week and during football match days
2. **Visible Parish Office**
   Easily accessible to the public and seen
3. **Toilet Facilites**
   Modern facilites including a seperate disabled access toilet
4. **Computer Facilities**
   For those without access to be able to use
5. **Reading/ Info Corner**
   Book corner with leaflets & useful information
6. **Village Hall With NEW Stage**
   Allows more usage opportunities
7. **Additional Meeting Rooms**
   Access to multiple rooms for dual usage
8. **Enclosed Outdoor Space**
   Private space for multiple usage

PROPOSED NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE



PROPOSED NEW HUNSTON CLUB




SELSEY ROAD
Hall
Keepings
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Sports Facility
3.4m
Office
Meeting Room
Kitchen
Main Hall
Bar
Stage
Floodlit Cricket Nets
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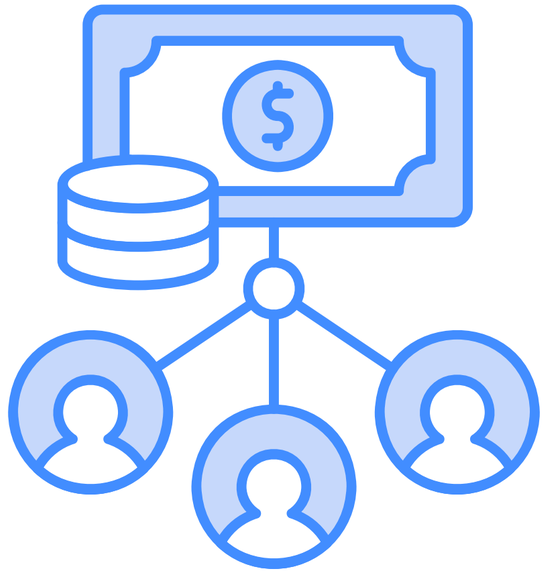
FUNDING THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

No Additional Cost to Residents

The new community centre will not be funded through an increase in Parish Council precept. Residents will not be asked to pay for this project through their council tax.

How the Project Will Be Funded

Funding will be sought from a range of external grant providers, including:
National Lottery
Chichester District Council
The Woodger Trust
The Shiphams Trust
Other grant funding opportunities as they become available



Local Contribution

Some funding would be expected to come from the sale of the existing village hall.
The existing hall site could be redeveloped for 3–4 new homes, subject to the necessary planning approvals.

Our intention is to maximise external funding to ensure the financial burden does not fall on village residents.



YOUR VIEW MATTERS

In Principle, Do You Support the Development of a New Village Community Centre?

Please indicate your preference:

✅ YES

I support the principle of providing a new community centre for the village.

OR

❌ NO

I do not support the principle of providing a new community centre for the village.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- **If the majority vote YES**: The Parish Council will continue to develop the proposals, seek external grant funding, and consult residents as the project progresses.

- **If the majority vote NO**: The Parish Council will not pursue a new community centre. Instead, it will investigate the most practical and cost-effective ways to improve and redevelop the existing village hall to extend its life and better meet the needs of the community.

Thank you for taking the time to have your say on the future of our village facilities.