

NAUNTON VILLAGE HALL 'Improve it, use it or lose it'

Dear Fellow Nauntonians.

You will be aware that a meeting was held in the Village Hall on the 29th April to discuss plans put forward by the Naunton Village Hall Improvement Group (NVHIG) for a development programme to safeguard the Hall's future.

The proposals, previously endorsed by the hall's trustees, were unanimously approved by those who attended the meeting. The object of this letter is to give you a brief overview of what was decided and how the project moves forward.

The project has been split into two phases, although at the moment the second phase to relocate the toilets to the first floor, move the bar and add a disabled/unisex/baby-changing facility to the rear of the lounge has been put on hold. This will allow us to concentrate our efforts on the three stages of Phase 1.

Phase 1:

Stage 1: Internal works to include:

Damp Proof Course to original building. Fully insulated, boarded and plastered walls and ceiling. LPG central heating system with under floor heating to the main hall and auxiliary radiators to the lounge and stage area. Insulated hall floor with new engineered wood. Redecorated throughout. New tables and chairs.

Cost: £89.000 incl. VAT.

Stage 2: External works to include:

New double glazed windows, including at the stage end. Paint doors. Remove pebble dash. Re-render external walls and paint with protective coating. Renovate rainwater goods and railings. Re-cap chimney. Cost: £60,000 incl. VAT

Stage 3: Kitchen/meeting room extension:

Extend and refit current kitchen to include commercial dishwasher, Range cooker (donated) 'fridge and freezer. Hygienic wall coverings. New flooring. Create small meeting room with heating and Wi-Fi connectivity.

Cost: £93,000 incl. VAT

Grand total = c£242,000 (incl VAT) +10 per cent contingency fund.

Phase 2 (not in current project plans)

Construct staircase to first floor. Relocate Toilets (except disabled) to first floor. Relocate and refit bar Add lobby and additional disabled WC with baby changing facilities to rear of lounge.

Building cost: Estimated c£113,000 plus fittings.

Although contracts have yet to be signed, it is hoped that building work can start in Autumn 2017, carried out by Carenza Developments and Shackleton & Wintle for the heating. However... this is dependent on funding.

We estimate that by the end of this year, the Village Hall building fund will have reached circa £50,000 leaving a shortfall of £192,000 for Phase 1.

However, much depends on funding flow, so we propose, initially, to focus on completion of the internal and external works, which requires an immediate target of an additional £99,000.

Ten grant options are being pursued with results known by the Autumn; these could not be submitted before we had the final costings in place.

The option of a Parish Council Precept - which entails a small, additional sum being added to each household's annual Council Tax, allowing the Parish Council to make a loan towards the development costs — is being investigated.

Last, but by no means least, we would welcome donations or pledges with the contributors acknowledged on a display board in the hall; Gift Aiding this adds a further 25 per cent to the sum.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and if you would like to contribute towards the Village Hall fund, you will find attached a pro-forma and a Gift Aid form.

The amount contributed will remain confidential unless otherwise requested.

If you have any queries then do not hesitate to contact me on: 01451-850442 or: mauntonvillagehall@gmail.com or one of the other three members of the NVHIG, Vanessa Gatford, Keith Russell or Neil Vincent or the Trustees.

On behalf of the Trustees and the NVHIG I look forward to your continuing support for this vital village project.

Ian Adcock Chair Naunton Village Hall Committee

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