

Village Hall Development Group

March 2022 Update

We have recently received several enquiries from village residents about how the project to update our ageing village facilities on the Kings Lane/ Wakerley Road site is progressing.

Unfortunately, the original plan, begun in 2015 to combine a village hall, community shop and Surgery under one roof in a hub building has stalled. Due to the changed funding situation post Covid we can no longer count on the considerable sums from the Lottery we had been given good reason to expect.

In the light of this changed situation we have been very occupied in considering how we can modify and alter our original plans. We have reached the conclusion that our priority must be to replace the Village Hall as soon as possible as the building is not only outdated, but also now beyond economic repair. We are not altogether abandoning the concept of a hub and would hope that in the fullness of time other village facilities could be clustered together in a phased development. Accordingly, we are changing the title of our group from the Village Hub Development Group to the Village **Hall** Development Group.

Our new plan is to replace the current hall with a slightly larger building on the present site. Extensive research into different funding sources has given us growing confidence to proceed with this course of action and we are cautiously optimistic that we could obtain grant funding of £500K - £600K to realise this plan.

Obviously, there will be a lot of flesh to put on the bones before we can proceed with this revised plan and we fully intend to keep residents informed and involved as we have done in the past, through open days in the village hall and updates in the parish magazine and on village email.

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