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**Village Hall Update December 2019**

A sub-group of the village hall Committee and the Parish Council has been set up to take forward the planning and implementation of the upgrading of the village hall under the Chairmanship of Colin Painter. The following outlines the thinking so far from meetings of the sub group and wider consultations.

**Progress so far:**

Following wide consultation with villagers including the recent open Saturday event at the village hall the key components of a new or refurbished village hall have emerged.

**These include :**

Remaining on the current site, as it is central to the village.

The hall should be larger and be able to take additional storage.

The village hall should be of a size that is appropriate to the village needs, its primary purpose is to serve the village needs.

Its heating and wider ecological footprint should be effective and sustainable enabling costs for users to be at a minimum.

The life of the hall should be for a minimum of 50 years. (The current hall has been in use for 93 years).

2 options have emerged from Consultations including extending and refurbishing the existing hall or replacing with new building. Both options would need to meet the criteria laid out above.

Any of the options would require extensive fundraising and grant applications. One option for local fundraising is establishing a 100 club within the village with payments made via an automatic system.

Support has been established with the District Council and County Council and a technical report on insulation and heating completed.

**Next steps:**

An early meeting with planners to ensure current thinking is feasible including the planned extension of footprint. We hope this meeting will occur before the end of the year.

Identify an architect to help with project and work up a detailed timetable for project.

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