

Your skills could help to create a new community hub

Latest plans for a new community hub in erosion-threatened Trimingham will be discussed at a meeting this month.

The project to replace the Pilgrim Shelter is part of the £3m North Norfolk Coastal Pathfinder programme to fund improvements and initiatives in areas unlikely to receive help with coastal defences in the future.

The present village hall, in Loop Road, is too small for the community's needs, but extensions would be a waste of time

since it is thought it will fall into the sea within 30 years. Instead, the Pathfinder money will be used partly to fund a new building.

Consultations in March found that villagers preferred a site to the west of Staden Park; planning officers also favour that area, which falls outside the 100-year erosion zone.

Now, North Norfolk District Council is looking at design ideas, additional funding sources and land

ownership and access issues.

Trimingham Parish Council is backing the project and has been asking people to lend their support by offering their skills, time or labour, give materials and help to raise funds.

On Saturday, July 24, a meeting at 10am at the Pilgrim Shelter will explain the latest developments and ask villagers for their ideas.

Clive Stockton, district council member for coastal strategy, said the authority had

fought hard to persuade the government to start the Pathfinder programme and had succeeded in receiving more than a quarter of the national pot.

He said projects developed in north Norfolk could be used to develop future coastal management policies for the countryside.

● For more information about Trimingham's new village hall, visit www.northnorfolk.org/pathfinder/trimingham.asp