

Trimingham Village Hall - Pathfinder Project

Village Open Day

Feedback

Trimingham Parish Council held an open day on Saturday 6 March 2010 to explore the issues surrounding the proposal to provide a new village hall to replace the Pilgrim's Shelter (which is threatened by coastal erosion).



Approximately seventy people attended during the day, leaving valuable feedback in response to the questions posed on the displays. The feedback is given below.

What are the advantages/disadvantages of the preferred sites?

Site to the west of playing field

Advantages

- Ideal for linking to the playing field
- Track perfect with good visibility and 30mph towards village
- Support this site
- Close for parking and mains utilities

Playing field site

Advantages

- The land does not have to be purchased
- A hundred years is a long time and the village will possibly not be here and the building does not have to be brick, so possibly movable?
- Access (bridal/footpath)
- Lay-by access in private hands – but good idea.
- The playing field could have a road in/out (the private road and also the track to the west).

- Maybe this would encourage more people to use the field and better playing facilities could be considered for the future.
- Support this site
- Playing field is not exactly central, but has better and safer access for users.
- Site already owned by the council. Keeping costs down will help to ensure the completion of the project.
- Will help to increase the use of this area. Any extra funding could be used to improve the swings and slides for local children.
- Playing field would be a fab site for a united village fete, cricket or football team.

Disadvantages

- No water, electric and drainage.
- Private road is a driveway to 3 houses
- Cost of providing utilities and roadway could make this unviable

West Staden Park

Advantages

- good idea x 2
- Support x 2
- Ideal site
- Opposite side from future erosion
- Passing trade i.e. people would see the village hall and this would increase possible usage for parties, fetes, etc which will help to raise funds for maintenance x 4
- Would not affect private housing
- Water, electricity and sewers already on site x 5
- good access from road x 2
- Consider alternative access points along the road or opening up the frontage x 2
- Lay-by will act as an overflow car park x 2
- Right side of road for consideration [i.e. erosion issue] x 2
- Large enough area to create a play area also
- Brick and tile building exists.



Disadvantages

- Too close to road, would need to be landscaped
- Security may be an issue as it is outside the village

Comments on alternative sites

- Yard Field and Middle Street are too far out and too vulnerable
- Should consider the triangle of land to the east of Middle Street and to the south of the quarry – it has electrics and water



What do you want to do in your village hall, what will it need and who will use it?

- Keep fit (for a variety of ages and needs), Yoga etc.
- Bingo
- Meeting for ladies' Poppyland Club
- Much the same as now but with additional uses
- Possible use as licensed premises backed by brewery chain, giving the hall club prices, membership fees
- Amateur dramatics
- Book club
- Trimmingham Choir
- Luncheon club
- Coffee mornings
- Quizzes
- Cheese and wine evenings etc.
- Village fete
- Family parties, children's parties etc.

- To have a large enough hall for dances, music concerts etc.
- Scrabble group if anyone is interested
- Youth club
- Training sessions (e.g. adult education, computer training etc.)
- Venue for NNDC and outside companies
- Leisure activities, e.g. pool, darts etc.
- Outdoor children's play area with play equipment, e.g. climbing frame, swings, slide etc.
- Use of land for football
- Out of school care, pre/post school hours with safe collection and delivery of children



If you could choose your Village Hall, what would it be like?

- Traditional build with meeting rooms and access
- I would like the village hall to resemble the lines of the current Pilgrim's Shelter, i.e. local style with pebbles or cobble facing
- Traditional brick and flint design to fit in with the rest of the village
- Traditional build with energy saving panels etc.
- Traditional style building incorporating 'eco' features
- Traditional brick and flint where possible, not too modern on the outside but modern facilities and fittings on the inside
- Brick and flint would be nice, but expensive
- Would like it to stay very much as it is now, but to have 'green' features. If it has to be different not too modern
- Traditional brick and flint with 'green' features
- Why not see about a log cabin style building
- 'Green' features to reduce costs
- The building needs to be sustainable and self-funding
- Building needs to be built with ease of maintenance in mind

- Build cheaper construction but still use natural materials for insulation etc.
- Steel framed structure, dressed up to make it efficient and look nice
- Possibly straw bale – environmentally friendly
- Modern interior, traditional outside
- Some swings and play equipment
- Build it larger than you think you need
- Modern interior to keep up with the times
- Some 'play' features would be good as well
- Solar panels on roof for water and heat
- Solar water heaters
- Must have electricity, water for a kitchen and washrooms

How do I keep up to date about what's going on?

- Suggest putting information in the Parish Website
- 'Land and Strand' newsletter
- Leaflets
- Word of mouth
- Meetings

Do you have any skills to help, or can you contribute anything towards the project?

- Electrical skills if needed (no name)
- General offer of help and support (Julie and Anne Humphries)

The existing Pilgrim Shelter

- It was suggested that the deeds include a clause providing the church with an option to acquire the hall for £1 if its use as a community centre ceases.
- One expression of interest, by someone interested in purchasing the Pilgrim Shelter, was received by the parish clerk prior to the event.
- Several people expressed a concern that the building should not be demolished prematurely and hoped that new uses would be found for the remainder of its life; some, however, suggested that the Shelter should be demolished and the materials used in the construction of a new hall.

Other issues discussed:

Shoreline Management Plan
 Erosion of the cliffs
 Trimmingham and the Pilgrim Shelter's history
 Project Liaison Group

NNDC Officer – Synopsis of the day

Feedback Summary

Approximately seventy people attended the open day. A great deal of interest was expressed with overwhelming support and enthusiasm for the project. There was a general consensus that sites to the west of the village were favourable, with the site to the west of Staden Park clearly coming out as the most popular option. The traditional uses for a village hall were suggested; some seeking additional outdoor uses, such as children's play equipment and a space for the village fete. This was seen as an opportunity to expand the social life of the village as well as potentially bringing valuable new facilities such as 'after-school' activities. As would be expected, there were a variety of views expressed about the possible design, with many favouring a traditional style building, some suggesting more modern construction, and there was overall support for the incorporation of 'green' technologies.

Next Steps

The first thing that needs to be done is to feedback the findings of the open day to those who participated and make it available to others in the village (probably via the 'Land and Strand' village newsletter). The project should aim to capitalise on the enthusiasm locally, though be mindful of the danger of raising expectations. In order to provide the context and parameters of what might be possible an initial feasibility study should be undertaken as soon as possible, including costings of the preferred site and likely design. It will then be necessary either to scale the project appropriately; to seek additional funding or to provide a staged implementation plan over a longer period.

A Local Liaison Group (to include members of the Parish Council and other key interest groups (e.g. the Church) will need to be established as soon as possible in order to provide a link between the Pathfinder Project Team and the local community.