

## North Norfolk Pathfinder Trimingham Village Hall Project

### What is this project about?

Under a project funded by the North Norfolk Coastal Change Pathfinder the District Council is working with Trimingham Parish Council to develop a new village hall to replace the Pilgrim Shelter. This newsletter is to let you know about progress on the project and to ask for your support.

People in Trimingham are rightly proud of the Pilgrim Shelter; it is a valuable facility to the local community, however, it is too small to meet the needs of many of its potential users. Unfortunately it is in an area that is likely to be lost to coastal erosion within twenty to thirty years and it is not therefore feasible (or sensible) to undertake improvements or extensions to it.

By providing a new village hall, beyond the one hundred year erosion zone, the community's needs can be met for the longer term.



### Feedback from the public open day

More than seventy people attended an open day held at the Pilgrim Shelter on 6 March 2010, offering views on the possible location of the new hall and on the kind of facility it should be. There was very strong support for the project, with a clear consensus emerging for the site adjacent to the Anglian Water pumping station, to the west of Staden Park. A wide variety of ideas were put forward about how the new hall should be designed and what it should contain, however, the general feeling was that it was important to ensure the new hall is an adequate size and is flexible enough to be used for a variety of purposes.



### How is the project progressing?

Planning advice suggests that development on the site to the west of Staden Park (the preferred site) should be acceptable in principle. Negotiations are underway to try to acquire the site, subject to the grant of planning permission and suitable vehicular and pedestrian access arrangements. Options are being worked up in order to get a building design and site layout that is both suitable to meet the needs of the village, acceptable in planning terms and affordable.

The budget for the project is exceptionally tight and therefore investigations into possible additional funding sources are underway. The timescale is also very tight and we are therefore seeking to ensure that the scheme can go ahead even if its completion is reliant upon funding that comes forward over a longer period.

Provided that there is a reasonable expectation that sufficient funds will become available, we hope to be able to purchase the site and apply for planning permission this summer.

Trimingham Parish Council has set up a group to advise on the development of this project. This group consists of Parish Councillors and other interested members of the local community, together with the Parish Clerk and staff from NNDC's Pathfinder team.





## What will happen with the Pilgrim Shelter?

The Pilgrim Shelter could be put to a variety of new uses, however, the deeds appear to suggest that if it is sold, the Norwich Diocese (on behalf of the Church) have a right to acquire it with no funds becoming available to the Village Hall project. This might affect the way in which the project proceeds, so meetings are being held to try to understand what the Church wishes to do and what opportunities this might present for the village as a whole.



## How can you help?

The success of this project depends upon the support of the local community. It is not going to be possible to provide exactly what everyone wants, but it is important that the outcome of the project is guided by the needs and aspirations of local people. Your comments at all stages of the process will help to ensure this, and your support will be valuable to applications for further funding.

Local people can help with the completion of this project in many ways:

- Offering skills, time or labour in the development of the site
- Donating materials, that can be used in construction or landscaping
- Fundraising
- Contributing ideas

You can also wish to become involved in the ongoing management of the new village hall.

## What happens next?

Once a suitable draft design and layout has been prepared this will be discussed with the Parish Council. A planning application will then be submitted for the agreed scheme and applications will also be made for grants.

A meeting has been set up for anyone who is interested in this project to come along and contribute ideas and offers of help.

You are invited to this meeting at:

**The Pilgrim Shelter**

**On 24 July 2010**

**at 10 am**

## How can you keep up to date with what's happening?

We will ensure that regular articles are placed in the 'Land and Strand', however, if you would like to be kept informed directly about this project please send your contact details to the address below.

Our website is regularly updated with news about this project:

[www.northnorfolk.org/pathfinder/trimingham.asp](http://www.northnorfolk.org/pathfinder/trimingham.asp)

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