

COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Cottenham Parish Council Extra Ordinary Parish Meeting
To be held in the Parish Office 2 Ebenezer House, Rooks Street, Cottenham
On Monday 20th June 2011 at 7.30pm
The Agenda for the meeting is below
The Public and Press are invited to attend

119. Any Questions from the Public or Press – Standing Orders to be suspended

120. Standing orders to be re-instated - Chairman's Introduction and Apologies

121. Declarations of Interest

122. Resolution to decide on which option(s) to pursue in regard to changing facilities and village hall:

Options

1. Continue with current plans to build the new changing rooms as per planning permission
2. And/or Develop Village Hall as per proposed drawings
3. Demolish Village Hall – Rebuild to include new changing rooms

123. Close of Meeting.

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Notes re Options:

1. Cost £250k, can we a) afford it and b) justify spending such a large sum of money on a facility which only helps a minority of the parish? Also we would need additional funding of £100k.
2. Cost of refurbishment £175k again a) can we afford it, b) is it worth spending this amount on an old building which is not fit for purpose (we were told 5 years ago that the life expectancy of this building was 5-10 years, the electrics are causing major problems and the plumbing is suspect too) therefore can we justify spending this amount on this project? If we go for this option alone, could consider a re gig of changing facilities and a major upgrade but this would cost more than the £175k again is this good use of parish money considering the age of and the condition of the building. If we went for this option we would first need a major structural survey again at a cost to the parish.
3. New build, would provide all that we need, including new changing rooms, a hall of decent size, proper toilet and kitchen facilities, therefore could be seen as more cost effective. To achieve this we would need to go out for funding and probably need to take out a loan. A decision would need to be made as to whether or not a 'club room and bar' be included within this new build, we do have the power to 'provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or recreational objectives' (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19).

If we pursue 1 and 2 cost £425k, cost for 3 unknown, in the pot we currently have £150k towards any of the options.

If option 3 then we would need to go for drawings/ planning permission etc.

Other issues, current user groups and how to accommodate them if we go for options 2 or 3.

We will need a robust and realistic business plan in place.