

The Wigboroughs Village Hall

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Have your say



THE WIGBOROUGHS VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SURVEY 2013

In a 2011 questionnaire we asked people whether there was a need for a Wigboroughs-specific Village Hall and what should be done with the site in School Lane. Among a number of suggestions were several about re-using the site or restoring the old building there to use it for a range of purposes. Early investigations showed that the building was past repair and the site could not be used for community activities. It was therefore decided to sell the site for residential development.

We are now making steady progress towards acquiring outline planning permission preparatory to selling the site, which will be subject to final agreement by the community and by the Charity Commission. The proceeds from the sale of the land must be used to provide alternative benefits for the residents of The Wigboroughs and our focus is now turning more strongly towards considering appropriate ways in which this can be achieved.

Potential projects suggested in the original 2011 questionnaire, at the 2012 AGM and from discussion within the Committee are

Project A	to build a new Wigboroughs Village Hall
Project B	to assist in the development of the nave of St Stephen's Church to make it more appropriate for a wider range of community activities
Project C	to invest in the development of the proposed new Peldon Village Hall
Project D	to obtain land in the Wigboroughs to be used as a community facility
Project E	to hold the proceeds of the land sale in trust to support specific activities and events without diminishing the capital sum

The Management Committee now needs your guidance as to how much you support these projects, what suggestions you have for additional or alternative projects and what facilities you feel could usefully improve our communal life

In deciding what project or projects you would support please consider carefully that any potential project or mix of projects has to be

approved by the Community and the Charity Commission

as close as possible to the objectives set out in the Charity's governing document which can be found in the Community section of the Parish Council Website www.winstred100.org

affordable in a capital and revenue sense

financially and practically sustainable i.e. be likely to be used sufficiently to generate funds for ongoing maintenance and support costs for the foreseeable future

able to offer benefits to all sections of the community

The Committee is only too conscious of the risk of investing in one or more projects which are not actually used by the community and become white elephants squandering the legacy we are fortunate enough to have inherited and wish to use wisely.

There follows more detail about each of the projects listed above, question about which project(s) you would support and an opportunity for you to make further suggestions.

Please help by completing the questionnaire and posting it in the stamped addressed envelope or returning it to any of the Committee members listed below to arrive by Monday 3rd March 2014.

We should like to hear from anyone who is a resident of The Wigboroughs and is old enough to understand the issues. The questionnaire is personal so several returns may be made from a single household. We have supplied more than one form per household but if you need more you may copy them or contact any member of the Committee for extra forms.

We can accept replies by e-mail. Please be sure to include all the details from the form.

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MAY INDICATE SUPPORT FOR MORE THAN ONE PROJECT
IF YOU DO SO PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE QUESTION Y**

If you have no interest in this topic or are content to let the Management Committee make decisions about the future of the legacy please **TICK HERE** and complete the personal details section at the end.

Thank you for taking part. Your response helps us to understand the views of the **WHOLE** community.

PROJECT A – TO BUILD A NEW WIGBOROUGH'S VILLAGE HALL

The village knows that we cannot realistically consider building a new village hall on the current site. Also, the committee does not believe that purchasing land in the Wigboroughs and embarking on a large village hall project like the one in Peldon could ever be a viable or sustainable option.

This project has therefore been dropped.

PROJECT B – INVOLVEMENT WITH ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

The PCC of St Stephen's has invited the Committee to co-operate in helping develop the nave of St Stephen's to make it more suitable as a secular venue for community events.

Would you support investment to help develop the nave of St Stephen's Church? YES/NO

Comments:

What improvements/facilities would you like to see there? What activities/events would you like to see taking place there?

PROJECT C – PELDON VILLAGE HALL

Peldon Village Hall is nearing the end of its life. The Management Committee there has commissioned plans to replace it and obtained about half of the funds originally targeted. The proposed new hall would offer a fuller range of activities than could be supported in, for instance, St Stephen's nave. Many Wigboroughs people already attend events in Peldon Village Hall. Some or all of the proceeds from selling our land could be invested in the Peldon project to provide a shared Village Hall for the Wigboroughs and Peldon. No formal discussions have taken place yet but a merger of the two Management Committees would be necessary and the Wigboroughs would need an appropriate level of representation and control. A prior investigation would have to demonstrate that the new hall can still be built with the funds available, would satisfy the criteria for a viable project outlined earlier in this paper and in particular that there is long term sustainability.

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PROJECT C – PELDON VILLAGE HALL (continued)

Subject to satisfactory financial and business plans would you support investment to assist in the building and management of a proposed joint Peldon and Wigboroughs Village Hall? **YES/NO**

Comments:

What facilities would you like to see there? What activities/events would you like to see taking place there?

PROJECT D – LAND IN THE WIGBOROUGHS

We have received an offer of a donation of approximately two acres of land on the north side of Maldon Road and approximately 200 metres west of School Lane. The donation is subject to the condition that a large proportion of the proceeds from the sale of the School Lane site should be invested in developing community facilities on the donated land.

Subject to satisfactory financial and business plans would you support investing the large majority of the sale money in community facilities on the site off Maldon Road? **YES/NO**

Comments:

What facilities would you like to see there? What activities/events would you like to see taking place there?

PROJECT E – INVESTING THE PROCEEDS OF SELLING THE SCHOOL LANE SITE

The object of this project would be to invest for a regular income stream which could be used to fund suitable events, activities and propositions without reducing the capital sum unless or until a use for the capital sum is identified.

Would you support investing the sale proceeds in this way? YES/NO

Comments:

Question X

Do you have any suggestions as to additional investment projects which should be considered?

Please describe

Question Y

If you have shown support for more than one project above please indicate how you rank your support for them. Mark 1 for your favourite, 2 for your second favourite, etc.

Project B	St Stephen's Church – financial commitment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Project C	Peldon Village Hall	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Project D	Donated land	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Project E	Capital investment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Your other suggestion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Question Z

How many community events in the local area (not specifically in the Wigboroughs) did you attend in the last year?

Please comment if you wish to do so

And finally

Any further thoughts or comments?

PERSONAL DETAILS

It would be very helpful to the Committee if you would complete these questions. It will give us an indication of whether the returned questionnaires have come from a representative sample of the community. If there is a section under-represented we can then go back and try to elicit additional responses to give a more even distribution of opinions.

This sheet will be separated from the rest of the questionnaire upon receipt. We are interested to know that you have responded but have no intention of linking your personal details to the opinions you have expressed.

Name				
Address				
Age group	<i>Under 18</i>	<i>18 - 29</i>	<i>30-60</i>	<i>60+</i>
Employment status	<i>In education</i>	<i>In paid employment in the local area</i>	<i>In paid employment outside the local area</i>	<i>Retired</i>
Number of children	<i>Pre school age</i>	<i>In primary school</i>	<i>In secondary school</i>	<i>In further/higher education</i>

And finally – thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.