



Survey Results


The owners/managers of the following facilities were surveyed (in alphabetical order):

- Church
- Cricket Pavilion
- Guild Room (now closed)
- Methodist Chapel
- Parish Room
- Recreation Field Pavilion
- School
- Scout Hut
- Village Hall
- WI Hall



Survey Key Points

- The parish is fortunate to possess a wide and diverse range of facilities
- All of the facilities are facing challenges of one form or another
- Some groups/organisations are concerned about the future of some of the buildings
- The Parish Council wants to help
- The Neighbourhood Planning Group will be doing everything possible to assist in whatever way we can (on behalf of the PC)
- Some venues have already closed or will be closing soon



Summary of the main points from the survey

Village Hall

- Viable
- Bookings Good
- Almost full
- Condition good

WI Hall

- More bookings needed
- Finances need a boost
- Work on building needed

Parish Room

- More bookings needed
- Finances need a boost
- Work on building needed

School

- Viable
- Under utilised
- Condition good

Pavilion

- Viable
- Small area
- Under utilised
- Condition good

Church

- Plan being looked at to restyle
- Need toilets
- Need meeting space



Main points from the survey 1

1. The WI Hall is in danger of becoming financially unsustainable if more third party users are not found soon (not the WI itself!)
2. The WI Hall is likely to require a significant investment to bring the building up to current minimum requirements
3. The scouts are looking to move out of their current hut as it is no longer suitable. They may have to move to Tarvin in the near future unless an alternative venue is found /developed locally
4. The Parish Council is concerned that the Parish Room could be financially unsustainable in the medium term
5. The school is a potential largely untapped resource



Main points from the survey 2

7. The Village Hall has been leased to the VH Committee. It has high occupancy with the main user being the Dance School. The occupancy is forecast to increase. It is currently financially viable.
8. The Church needs to locate new toilets and a meeting room to replace the Guild Room; They are already looking at redevelopment to create a more modern venue.
9. The Methodist Chapel is due to close in August 2013 and the activities that currently take place there need to be relocated.
10. The Cricket Pavilion is not available to the wider community.
11. The recreation field Pavilion is quite small in terms of a meeting venue.

Possible Future Scenarios 1

We have identified 4 main possible future scenarios. There could be others ...

1. **The status Quo**

- a) We do nothing and see what happens.
- b) This could result in the loss of some current venues with the associated uncertainty that this will bring for local groups.

2. **We redevelop the WI Hall site**

- a) With the co-operation of the WI, funds are raised to replace the existing WI Hall with a new purpose built Community Hall that could cater for the needs of the whole community.

3. **We build a new multi-purpose Community Hall on a new site**

- a) This option would result in a landowner agreeing to allow us to build a new Community Hall on a new site (as yet unidentified)

Possible Future Scenarios 2

4. We build a Co-Housing development that contains a new Community Hall and other amenities

- a) This option would require a landowner agreement to allow us to build a new eco co-housing development on a new site (as yet unidentified)
- b) The development could include amongst other possibilities (for example):
 - i. Properties for the elderly
 - ii. Affordable Housing Properties for first time buyers
 - iii. A new Community Hall
 - iv. CHP/Biomass plant
 - v. A couple of large houses that could be sold off to help fund the overall project

Other Pertinent Factors

Possible Future Scenarios 3

5. Other Possibilities

- a) Chris Priddey (Headteacher) is keen to allow groups to make more use of the school as a facility out of school hours
- b) In the longer term a renovated Church building might also provide additional facilities subject to the PCC approving such use.
- c) We seek to replace the Scout Hut possibly through an extension to the Pavilion and it becomes a facility for young people and their activities

6. Additional Possibilities

- a) We could look to create a common centralised booking system for all parish facilities that would make locating a suitable venue more straightforward and allow better long term planning.