

Copythorne Annual Parish Meeting

Copythorne Parish Hall: Development Update

November 2021

A Brief Update

- Plans originally drawn up for improvements to the kitchen, toilets and entrance plus more storage
- Various reasons for those plans not going forward
- Community event to explore what community wanted / needed from the Hall
- New design brief created over 18 month period – ensure Hall was good for the ‘next 50 years’
- Ideas: Café; Community Hub; Soundproofing; Zoning to facilitate maximum use etc. plus original improvements
- Some ‘quick wins’ - bicycle rack; re-decoration; structural work

Development

- Architects provide 'Concept Designs' on design brief
- Concept options produced – one met criteria (not perfect, though)
- Step 1 of process – 4 steps
- Significant investment – also, lots of feedback
- Consultants to help with future Hall offer
- Lots of possibilities



Current Position

- Committee decided to put Development Plans on hold – various reasons
- **BUT.....** Application to National Lottery for a grant to pilot the Café was successful!
- Exciting opportunity to ‘try out’ one of the new ideas for the Hall - properly funded
- Work currently under way to develop details for the development of the café
- **WHERE - HOW - WHO - WHEN - BUSINESS PLANNING**
- Schedule -
 - January – final designs
 - March – Start Work
 - Open – end May / start June

Current Position

➤ So what the café might be



What menu / offer?

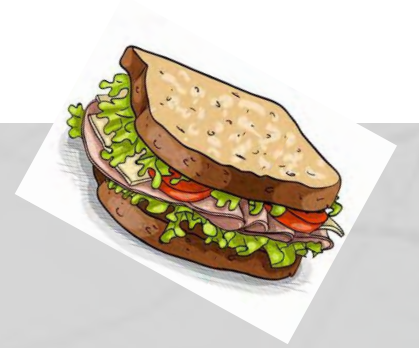
Who to run it?

How to promote it?

Special café 'events'?

How to run it?

Seasonal variation?



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