

Alderbury Village Hall Project

The original Village Hall was completed in 1959. In 1976 a Village Hall Social Club was established and two years later the building was extended to provide a self-contained space for the Social Club.

A survey of village residents in September 2017 indicated support for extending and further developing the building.

It was agreed by the Parish Council that the community money from the Matrons College Farm housing development should be allocated to a project to develop the Hall. A Parish Council working party was established in December 2018 to formulate ideas to modernise the building and to provide additional and more flexible meeting spaces.

Proposed plans were drawn up in consultation with the current and potential future users of the building. The outline designs were presented to the Parish Council in January 2019 and it was agreed to hold a public consultation on a project that would include:

1. Building an extension across the back of the building to provide a meeting room, a small treatment room, extra storage spaces and access around the back of the stage.
2. Filling in the area on the Rectory Road side of the building between the toilets and the stage exit to create a larger main hall.
3. Refurbishing and enlarging kitchens for both the main hall and the social club to provide improved catering facilities.
4. Refurbishing the exterior of the building to give a more modern and attractive appearance.

The public consultation was held in February 2019 and the meeting was attended by representatives of the Parish Council, the Village Hall Management Committee, members of the Social Club, Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton, users of the building and other village residents. Following a presentation of the proposals there was an opportunity for questions and all those present agreed that the proposals provided a good way forward.

A further presentation was made at the annual village meeting in May 2019 and again there was strong support for the proposals. There were no objections to the application for planning permission and planning approval was granted by Wiltshire Council in June 2019.

Detailed designs were then developed and an invitation to bid for the contract was advertised at the beginning of February 2020. Tenders are due to be submitted before the end of March.