

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council – Forward Plan 2017-2020

Facilities on Community Field, Works Lane – approx. 1-2 year timescale

The Parish Council currently leases a field from Tarmac which is regularly used, particularly in the spring/summer season, by Belvoir Archers, and a MUGA & Skatebowl which are used by footballers and skateboarders.

There are currently no toilet facilities on the field and it is proposed that simple portaloo-style facilities are provided within a secure, lockable compound for access only by key holders.

Quotations will be sought to establish the cost of this project.

Village Hall – approx. 4-5 year timescale

The Village Hall in Barnstone was built in 1922. Over the years the building has undergone various alterations and extensions.

Approximately ten years ago, a project began to design & build a new village hall on the Community Field, however, this scheme failed due to lack of funding.

In December 2014 an internal refurbishment was carried out in order to make the existing hall compliant with regulations and bring it up to date, with new disabled facilities, kitchen, wiring, heating and decoration. Since then, minor maintenance works have been carried out to ensure the building is weatherproof and various items of equipment have been added or replaced. It was intended in 2014 that the refurbishment would be a medium term solution to see the building through the following 5-10 years. A number of improvements have recently been considered including external wall /roof insulation, and an extension to provide a smaller meeting/storage room. The cost of such improvements/additions could easily run to over £100K, without any structural improvement to the main building, which is nearing its centenary.

It has therefore been proposed to earmark parish council reserves of approx. £30K per year over a period of 4-5 years with a view to rebuilding the village hall from scratch. In addition, community fundraising events could make a contribution and may enable access to other funding streams. Any funding shortfall could be covered by a small Public Works Loan.

In the first instance, advice on the feasibility of such a project will be sought from the Borough Planning Dept and in due course an architect will be consulted to provide a design and approximate cost for this project.