

OVING PARISH PLAN

Action point template

Subject Investigated: JUBILEE HALL

Survey Question Numbers: Q19, Q30, Q44 and Q45

Description of the perceived need:

Cleanliness and running of the hall and availability for use by residents were the main criticisms. There were also proposals for greater use of the church as a community facility

Summary of the relevant survey data:

Of the 153 respondents, 85% were either very satisfied or satisfied, 14.4% were neutral, none dissatisfied and only one very dissatisfied. Therefore there is a very high proportion (130) who are satisfied. Suggested longer term improvements include: more rooms to take on other users, extend building, improvements to the acoustics, bring down the ceiling of the main hall to improve atmosphere & acoustics, pedestrian crossing to the hall, new pavement on south side of High Street, new path from rear of hall

Description of response proposed:

The proposals to increase the size of the Village Hall and provide more small rooms will be investigated. The suggestions of a new pavement will be investigated.

Feasibility of response:

Oving Parish Council is currently responsible for paying both monthly mortgage costs to the Public Works Loan Board. It is possible that a further loan could be obtained from them to fund any additional work, but this would increase the precept from all residents in the parish who pay Council Tax. It is not considered practical to install a lower ceiling in the main hall. The possibility of improving the acoustics will be included within the architect's brief if the decision to extend the hall is progressed.

The agency which is ultimately responsible:

Chichester District Council as the local planning authority and possible source of improvement grants.

Those who will benefit among the community:

All residents throughout the parish

Time frame & estimated costs if known:

It is likely to take several years and the costs involved are not known

Plans already in process or proposed which may be relevant:

The Hall Management Committee has a prioritised Maintenance & Development Plan and the hall has been completely redecorated (Autumn 2016). Plans for a new kitchen have been agreed, are being drawn up and funding is being sought