

Facilities & Services Group
Meeting 9th October 2012
Inn at Freshford

Attending: Mike Newby, Maureen Delap, John Ager, John Adler, Gitte Dawson, Nick Catcheside, Claudia Towner, Tessa Moriarty, Nick Stevens (management group), Ingrid Maher Roberts (note-taker)

Agenda

To prioritise the list of needs from the Community, based on the recommendations from the Initial Report. The list has been broken down into four specific sections.

- Everyone
- 0-10 years and their parents
- 11-19 year olds (teenagers)
- The elderly

Everyone

1. A large hall for theatre, musical events, and community gatherings, parties etc. – Within this space there could be rooms for smaller gatherings, however it was felt that some of the other small meeting rooms in the village e.g. Old Bakery, rooms above the Young Husband Trust building were underutilised.
2. Shop and Post Office – The shop extension will be continuing regardless of the NP process. The group believed it to be very important that a coherent approach with regards to the extension and the Hall redevelopment.
3. Café – The group looked at a number of different options as to where the café extension could be located. Families with young children favoured it being nearer the playground, so that they could observe their children playing. Others believed it was important to keep the café separate from the play area. The group agreed in general that if the play area had its own seating where parents could go and use the café but still watch their children playing, this could be a good solution.
4. Pubs - a major area of concern as so many village pubs are closing and the loss to the community would be a disaster, incorporating other community needs into the local pubs would help ensure their survival and establish them as a community hub. (Use them or lose them).
5. Medical Facilities – Relocating the surgery to rooms within the Memorial Hall. This could include 2 treatment rooms, a waiting area and dispensary. Outside surgery hours, the treatment rooms could be used by other health practitioners.
6. Sports facilities
7. Places of worship
8. Cemetery for Village – There are limited plots available within Freshford Cemetery, does the Community wish to extend the Cemetery?

0-10 year olds and their parents

1. Provision of a Pre-school – a key requirement and location in Freshford Memorial Hall would help ensure the sustainability of the facility, as along with the village school it is the main source of income for the Hall.
2. Village School
3. Childcare – breakfast club, after school childcare

11-19 year olds

It was agreed that further research was required into this area. John Adler and Claudia Towner will be meeting with members of the Children's Society to discuss their ideas and recommendations.

For Elderly Residents

Before the group can make their recommendations it was agreed that more views from this section of the community were required. Maria Stevens to talk to the elderly members of the WI to get their views on the facilities required.

Options not recommended by the group

- Adult Education
- Cashpoint – The community already has a cash-back option at the village shop and research into this option highlighted that the cash point would need to dispense £4000 per week to be financially viable to the service provider
- Gym – This option was deemed to be too expensive and the Hall survey highlighted that there was little desire for such a facility
- Access to local swimming facilities – It is up to the individual if they wish to swim in the river. John Burnett has offered for people to swim in the river by his land, he was only ask that the contact him first before they swim there.

Options that other working groups are looking at.

- Affordable housing (Planning Group)
- Safe Parking (Transport Group)
- Access to safe cycling (Transport Group)
- Pavement & Footpaths– in particular to enable parents to walk their children to school (Transport Group)
- Provision of transport for the elderly (Transport Group)

SECTION 2: Existing Facilities & Services

In reviewing the development of central neighbourhood hub, based around the Freshford Memorial Hall and Playing Field (including the Pre-School) and the Galleries shop, the Working Party recognises that whilst many of the community facilities could be housed there, it is not the *only* location in the area which the neighbourhood would rely on to provide facilities & services. Other key sites that are vital to maintain are:

- Limpley Stoke Village Hall & Playing Field,
- Limpley Stoke Hotel
- Village School,
- Village Shop

- Village Pubs,
- Village Churches,
- The Old Bakery / Young Husband Trust House
- Browns Field - possibility of developing Browns Field for a youth centre even though it is not within the boundary of the community area, and
- Surrounding Countryside

Freshford Mill

This site is back in the hands of the administrators, is there the option that the community could buy it under the new 'Community Right to Buy' process?