

PRISTON VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS
Progress Report to the Village
8.3.2019

As you are almost certainly aware, the Auction of Promises was a great success and raised £6,890.38 towards the cost of refurbishment and improvements.

You also probably know that we have received a grant of £31,280 from the National Lottery Community Fund, and this will be publicly announced by them on the 12th of March 2019.

Together with a grant of £10,000 from the St. John's Foundation, donations from villagers and the money raised by the Village Hall, including the Auction, we are now in a position to proceed with the project, having already appointed a Project Manager and obtained all necessary planning consents. A contractor has been chosen and he can start work after May Day.

However, the tender quotation sum was based on a total reconstruction of the toilet area but as available funds are substantially less than that figure, we will be adjusting the scope of the work to match available funds. The hall will be closed for approximately 8 – 10 weeks.

Works that we will definitely be carrying out include:

- i. Complete refurbishment of the entire roof structure, with new felt, battens, leadwork and drainage.
- ii. New internal ladder to the loft space and replacement of rotten floor so that it can be used more easily for storage.
- iii. New/improved insulation throughout.
- iv. Complete redecoration of all areas, internally and externally. This includes new flooring in the Kitchen/Toilet area and sanding/resealing in the Main Hall. It also includes dealing with the problematic wall between the main hall and the kitchen/toilet area.
- v. New heating and ventilation systems for the kitchen/toilet areas.
- vi. A new kitchen stove and new external notice boards.

We are intending to carry out other improvements to the kitchen and toilet area but the scope of these improvements will depend on discussions with the Project Manager and subsequently the Contractor to finalize a contract sum. They probably will be limited to changes in fixtures and fittings, provision of hand driers, improved hot water provision, lighting etc.

We have already installed a hearing loop.

Should any further funds become available we will consider further improvements such as the provision of new chairs.

The Committee hope that this gives you a good idea of what has been accomplished and what we expect to achieve.

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