

Silchester Village Hall September update.

There was a meeting of Silchester Village Hall Trustees on Tuesday, 31 July. The Trustees needed to resolve two problems; first, the provision of disabled facilities and second, to improve and move the kitchen to a more convenient area to give access to both rooms. The meeting was called and widely advertised within the immediate area to discuss and resolve two questions. First, did the villagers approve the plans to provide a small extension to cater for these two requirements, while retaining storage room for the various users of the Village Hall? The plans were accepted.

The second question was to seek permission to sell a piece of land which was gifted to the Village Hall, to part-fund the necessary extension. This land is referred to as the 'bowling green' and might have been destined for that purpose in 1927, but has never been used as such. This land has been leased for a peppercorn rent for many years. A majority of villagers accepted the proposal to sell the land and now negotiations are able to progress. A total of 35 people attended the meeting; 29 voted for selling the land, 4 were against and there were 2 abstentions. This achieved the necessary majority.

We have submitted the plans for Borough Council approval. We are also in contact with a number of additional funding sources to help resource the project.