

Farringdon Village Hall News No. 2

July 2021

Questionnaire Results Summary

Introduction

Following a successful Village Meeting on 17th June 2021 the FVHCT has received a lot of positive responses to the proposals and ideas discussed at the meeting. A summary of the comments received by email following the meeting are contained in Appendix A. The positive response received (i.e., 80% in favour of a Village Hall) required further investigation to determine the facilities and activities that would Farringdon Residents would wish to see in the Village Hall.

A questionnaire that was circulated to all household in Farringdon on 1st July 2021 and results received over a period up to 15th July 2021. A summary of the results is contained in Appendix B.

Results Summary.

We received 121 responses to the Consultation Questionnaire and there is a very clear preference for the provision of a Village Hall with a capacity of approximately 100 – 150 persons together with a stage.

Some residents expressed concerns that the facilities may attract large numbers of bikers and the open nature of the grounds may attract travellers to occupy the area and so those respondents did not wish to see a combined shop and café. There is significant support for the provision of a shop on its own.

There is very strong support for activities in the Village Hall to support various youth activities, adult exercise classes, club meetings and facilities for young children. The support for the provision of a badminton court in the hall is mixed with just less than half in favour and slightly more not.

There is very strong support that the Village Hall is made available for both organised and private parties.

The support for an outside tennis court is split with a slightly larger proportion of the respondents not in favour of a court.

There is strong support for the grounds of the Village Hall to be landscaped as a wildlife area and for some part to be set aside as an area for erection of temporary marquee when required. This presumably is associated with using the Village Hall as a party venue.

The Questionnaire also prompted a number of comments and suggestions for the use of the Village Hall. These are summarised in Appendix C. Some of the most popular suggestions include activities such as:

- Computer club
- Drama/ Plays
- Gardening classes
- Pool Table
- Private functions

- Professional kitchen
- Puppy training
- Storage space
- Table tennis
- Wi Fi - IT hub
- Holiday Club for youngsters
- Scootering toddler path
- Tennis Coaching
- Projector & Screen

There were also suggestions for the outside facilities:

- Cycle path to Chawton (it is difficult to see how this can be provided in the grounds of the Village Hall)
- Pedestrian crossing A32 (this will be a matter for the SDNP and the Highway Authority to determine)
- Gates at entrance
- Pond
- Wild flower garden
- Car Care Service
- Move defibrillator to VH (there is no reason why an additional defibrillator cannot be provided in the Village Hall)

Briefing for Architects

On the basis of the Consultation, we will be briefing the Architects to produce a concept design based on the following:

1. Village Hall to accommodate between 100 and 150 persons sitting at trestle tables;
2. Demountable stage in the hall;
3. Committee room for to accommodate up to 20 people;
4. Provide an office to accommodate 4 people;
5. Make future provision for a shop to be run by the local community;
6. Provide a kitchen, WC facilities, storage, plant rooms, and other facilities commensurate with the requirements in items 1 to 5 above.

In designing the facilities take account of the activities to be accommodated:

- Youth Club, Scouts, Guides, Rainbows, etc;
- Yoga/Pilates/ adult exercise classes
- Party Venue
- Club activities
- Young children group
- Enclosed outside space for toddlers
- Wild life area
- Space for Marquee

Appendix A

Email Comments Received following Village Hall Meeting 17th June 2021			
15-Jul-2021	Number of respondents	% of respondents	Comment
Number of Respondents	35	100%	
Those in favour of village hall	28	80%	
Those against a village hall	3	9%	
Those that are undecided	4	11%	
Facilities in the hall			
Village Hall	28	80%	
Kitchen	8	23%	
Party Venue	8	23%	
Stage / Cinema	7	20%	
Store	5	14%	
Club Facilities various	5	14%	
Office Space lettable	4	11%	
Committee Room	3	9%	
WC facilities	2	6%	presume assumption by respondents that is included
Badminton	1	3%	
Basket Ball	1	3%	
Green Room	0	0%	
Sports Changing	0	0%	
Activities in the hall			
Shop	7	20%	
Café	5	14%	
Green credentials	5	14%	
Electric Vehicle Charging	4	11%	
Doctors Surgery	2	6%	
Mother & Toddler Group	2	6%	
Yoga Pilates	2	6%	
Youth Club	2	6%	
Post Office	1	3%	
Scouts, Guides, Rainbows	0	0%	
Facilities outside the hall			
Outside Tennis Court	5	14%	
Wild Life Area	5	14%	
Picnic Area	4	11%	
Enclosed Outside Space (toddlers)	1	3%	
Allotments	1	3%	
Space for Marquee	1	3%	
Skate Park or similar	0	0%	
Car Park	0	0%	presume assumption by respondents that is included
Infrastructure Concerns			
Road Safety	8	23%	
Pedestrian Crossing	5	14%	
Speeding on A32	5	14%	
Flooding risk increase	4	11%	
Parking Arrangments	4	11%	
Noise	5	14%	
Residents Survey	5	14%	
Use Church with upagrade	3	9%	
Bikers	2	6%	
Travellers access to site	1	3%	
Communications	1	3%	
Ecological	1	3%	
Economic Concerns			
Maintenance	4	11%	
Business Case	3	9%	
Fundraising	2	6%	

Appendix B

Consultation Form Summary of Results				
<u>FACILITIES</u>	Score	No of Responde	As % of responden	Majority Results would like to see provision of the following:
1 Hall capacity	25	0	0%	Hall for 100 people
	50	9	7%	
	100	75	62%	
	150	37	31%	
	With Stage	Yes	87	
	No	27	24%	
2 Committee Room	5 people	0	0%	Committee Room for 15 people
	10 people	23	23%	
	15 people	44	45%	
	20 people	31	32%	
3 Offices for hire	2	10	26%	Provide office for 4 people for hire
	4	18	46%	
	8	11	28%	
4 Changing rooms	Yes	22	22%	
	No	80	78%	
6 Doctors Surgery	Yes	21	18%	
	No	96	82%	
7 Shop	Yes	49	43%	
	No	66	57%	
8 Post Office	Yes	29	26%	
	No	84	74%	
9 Café	Yes	34	31%	
	No	75	69%	
10 Shop & Café	Yes	46	40%	
	No	69	60%	
<u>ACTIVITIES</u>				
11 Youth Club	Yes	68	68%	Facilities for Youth Club
	No	32	32%	
12 Scouts, guides etc	Yes	72	70%	Facilities for Scouts etc
	No	31	32%	
13 Yoga/Pilates	Yes	94	85%	Facilities for Yoga pilates
	No	17	15%	
14 Badminton	Yes	46	46%	
	No	55	54%	
15 Basket ball	Yes	20	21%	
	No	77	79%	
16 Party venue	Yes	103	92%	Facilities for Parties
	No	9	8%	
17 Club facilities	Yes	98	85%	Facilities for Clubs
	No	17	15%	
18 Mother & Toddler	Yes	83	79%	Facilities for Mother & Toddler Group
	No	22	21%	
<u>OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES</u>				
20 Tennis court	yes	41	35%	
	no	75	65%	
21 Skate park	Yes	20	18%	
	No	89	82%	
22 Enclosed space	Yes	59	56%	Facilities for enclosed area for children
	No	47	44%	
23 Picnic area	Yes	53	48%	
	No	58	52%	
24 Wild life area	Yes	109	82%	Facilities for Wild Life area
	No	24	18%	
25 Space for marquee	Yes	84	76%	Facilities for Marquee
	No	27	24%	
26 Allotments	Yes	22	20%	
	No	87	80%	

Appendix C

Village Hall: Suggested Activities

INSIDE ACTIVITIES	Total
Adult Education	2
Antiques Fair	1
Archive centre for village history	1
Baking classes	1
Ballroom Dancing	2
Book Club	1
Bottle Club	0
Chess	2
Choir	2
Coffee mornings	1
Computer club	3
Cookery classes	2
Cookery demonstrations	2
Counselling venue	1
Drama/ Plays	4
Elders Group	1
Evening classes	1
Exam centre	2
Film Screenings	1
Fitness classes	1
Flower arranging	1
Gardening classes	3
Green room with Stage	1
Holiday Club	2
Holistic events	2
Jumble sales	2
Licenced Bar	2
Live Music	2
Market day-Local produce	1
Non-Profit Social evenings	1
Painting/art classes	2
Parcel collection centre	1
Photography Club	1
Pool Table	3
Pottery Classes	1
Pre School	1
Private functions	5
Produce shows	2
Professional kitchen	3
Puppy training	4

Sound Proof dividers	1
Storage space	4
Table tennis	7
TV for sports events	1
Village shows	1
Village suppers	1
W.I.	2
Wheelchair charging point	1
Wi Fi - IT hub	5

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Basketball on Tennis court	1
Bird feeders	1
Cricket net	1
Cycle path to Chawton	2
Football pitch	1
Gates at entrance	2
Holiday Club	2
Kitchen & Servery for outside catering	1
Move defibrillator to VH	2
Nest boxes	1
Outdoor gym apparatus	2
Pond	4
Scootering toddler path	2
Tennis Coaching	2
Wild flower garden	2
Wildlife area + trees	1

OTHER

Car Care Service'	2
Electric car charger	1
Food bank collection	1
Green credentials	1
Height barrier & Security	1
Local produce	1
Office for Manager	1
Pedestrian crossing A32	2
Projector & Screen	3
Renewable energy	1
Secure site	1
Site should be left as a wild life haven	1