

NEW BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

November 2020



MOLLINGTON BACKFORD & DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

The Project

You might be aware that since Autumn 2016 there has been an on-going project in our five villages the purpose of which has been to plan the building of a new village hall on the site of our current 1950 hall. Indeed, there have been in recent times various campaigns to fund a new hall and for our small community this has always been a big challenge.

Announcement

We are very happy to announce that this period of project planning has finished. At the end of October a detailed agreement was reached with a local construction company to build a new village hall. The formal contract was signed in early November signalling the next phase of this project – build preparations.

What's next?

The formal on-site start date is 4th January 2021 with completion expected by early June 2021. Before the formal start, the contractor will clear the site in preparation for the January start as well as for the provision of a retaining wall (kindly contributed by PC Construction) by the rear slope. Further contributions to the construction programme will be welcome.

So if you are passing the hall you might start to see some activity at long last!



the community's meeting place since 1950

What's happening to the existing hall?

The current hall will remain open (we need the income!) during the build but only the main hall will be available for hire because our contractor will be using the committee and Garden rooms as their 'site base'. If you have need of space please go to mbdvh.org.uk for booking details and rates.

Once the new hall is ready for occupation, the old hall, a happy coming-together place for the community for the last seventy years, will be demolished, sadly. But overleaf you can see what the new hall will look like at the beginning of its 70-year (and beyond!) life and what is envisaged for its role as a catalyst for our community's health, well-being and social cohesion.

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view from Station Road of the new village hall

new hall, new activities, new opportunities, new volunteers

The goal is for this new hall to offer various opportunities for all members of our community and beyond to engage in social, cultural, sporting, educational and health-related activities in addition to those activities that have been offered of late in the current hall. Achieving this will help us meet our declared project outcomes which formed the basis of our initial *National Lottery* funding.

what could be on offer?

Badminton (available in the new higher main hall), carpet bowls, children's sports, book club, painting, language lessons, yoga, theatre, music groups, sporting activities for the disabled and many, many more. Perhaps you have an idea for a service for activity that interests you? **Go on - why not share it??**

keeping up-to-date with progress

We will issue regular newsletter project up-dates and news of any new activities as they develop. If you would like to receive these updates you can sign up via mbdvh.org.uk to the hall's mailing list.

There are also village hall Twitter, facebook and Instagram accounts.

Want to become involved in some way with this community project?

In the first instance contact Stephen on 07785 268969 – call or message.

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