Parracombe Village Hall Development
Feedback at 5th October 2022 Meeting

28 response forms were completed, including 1 form from a couple who could not attend. There were 31 attendees at the meeting.

If you have a preference, which scheme do you prefer?

- A x 6
- B x 9
- C
- D x 3

Comments on Scheme A

- Need a double door store area next to Main Hall for stage.
- Glass frontage to extension.
- Make the extension as big as it can be – filling the available footprint of the land.
- Kitchen & Bar areas too big.
- No need for external door to kitchen.
- Main Hall is too small and Meeting Room is too large.
- Too many "bits"; not a good use of space.
- Like the width of the Hall and window. Use the current stage area for a smaller Meeting Room.
- 3 x "The inner lobby area is a waste of space".
- Proposed Meeting Room is too big.
- Could the Office be climate controlled for archives?
- Disabled toilet should be more discrete.
- Move disabled toilet to entrance.
- Main Hall is too small – existing area is 110 sq.m.
- Main Hall area may be too small for pilates & zumba.
- Why two entrances?
- Do not need external access to store.
- Store needs to open on to the Hall space.
- Use the space behind proposed extension for larger extension.
- 7 toilets – 3 should be unisex.
- Put all toilets in the new entrance area including disabled.
- Meeting room is too big. Over provision.
- The area between the new entrance Lobby and the Main Hall is dead space. Was this for displays?
- Having both a kitchen and a bar is a waste of space.
- Large Bar store is not needed.
- External door to Kitchen not required.

- Scheme feels like a reduction of the Main Hall area.
- Too many toilets.
- Bar area is too big. Should combine with Kitchen.
- Make footprint of main hall needs to be as is now 110m2. No external door needed for kitchen. All toilets in entrance area. Bar store not required – just a lockable cupboard. External access to store not needed. Just one smaller meeting room on east wall with rest of area for storage. Use mezzanine space for storage of seldom used items.
- Good plant room.
- Too broken up
- Hall not long enough. Windows good.
- Make the meeting room smaller and use for storage too – could not be used as a green room.
- Use extension footprint of C – all toilets in the extension.
- Preferred option subject to ….. storage and other points made.
- Toilets all by the store. Meeting room could be smaller. Maybe part storage for chairs etc.
- This is my preferred option but with changes. All open kitchen area. Quality storage needed.
- Not keen on idea of "busy-ness" around perimeter of the main hall.
- Needs moving around differently
- Bar & Kitchen areas are too large. Have one toilet area only.
- Too many bits & division. Too closed in, Not good use of space.
- Like the opened up view to south. Smaller overall space in main hall.
- Smaller communal hall space, but like the opened view to south. Good to incorporate meeting room.
- Too many toilets. Bar store way too big. Main hall now too small.
- Performance space too small
- It struck me that the toilet block to the bottom right of the plan might present an unattractive aspect to the front and church lane.
- Too much space used on bar, kitchen and bar store.
- Squarer main room is more flexible. Views good.
- Bar & kitchen against north wall with some storage. Toilets and some storage in west wall and extension. Meeting room in SW corner.
- Main Hall area reduced with too many lobby areas using up space. Services too spread.
- Should combine this scheme with extension layout of scheme D. Remove lobby and group services to the west. Divider wall in large meeting room?

Comments on Scheme B

- A small meeting room is sufficient. We have the shop available.
- Don't like the toilet entrance being into the Main Hall.
- Make the extension area larger with all toilets in.
- Like wider Main Hall area with view/light.
- Like the open feel and increased views.
- Combine the bar & kitchen areas.
- Can't use the bar & kitchen if using area to the left of the partition.

- Two entrances needed with dividing partition.
- No partition.
- Dividers need protection and vaulted ceiling needs closing also.
- Do we need as much space if we combine the bar & kitchen? Could a green room / meeting room be squeezed in here?
- Move disabled toilet.
- Combine bar & kitchen.
- Change the existing men's toilets to a changing room.
- Remove wall between bar & kitchen. More space.
- Make the existing men's toilet area into men's and disabled toilets.
- Unisex toilets rather than separate.
- Unisex toilets do not need enclosed sinks.
- Like the plant room.
- Move disabled toilet to be next to Mens.
- No dividing curtain due to vaulted roof.
- Bar store
- Store / Cleaning room with double doors onto the Hall – store for tables, chairs, staging.
- Remove disabled w/c.
- Best with entrance from Entrance C.
- Preferred option
- Hall area good
- Enables flexibility. Bigger performance area and extended views. Reposition the disabled toilet to the end.
- No green room. Dividers not a good idea. Position of disabled toilet unworkable. No store for stage or tables etc.
- No green room opening onto main hall. Could bar store room become one?
- Like the area of wall removed for view. Problem accessing toilets if 2 x events.
- Needs moving around differently
- Partition does not allow for use of disabled loo / kitchen area. Like the south windows. Insufficient storage.
- Enhancement of light and available space and view to south. Open up roof to light.
- Good sized and flexible main hall space. No green room / meeting room near to main hall space – limits performances. Possibly too much space used if bar and kitchen separate.
- No dividing screen
- Performance space good, but green room not adjacent.
- I think B & C with a meeting room at the bottom right of the plans might present the best aspect to the front.
- Don't like the L-shape – not functional for most uses.

Comments on Scheme C

- Like footprint of extension & new entrance.
- Where is electric vehicle charging point?
- Make sure the bike storage area is large enough for electric bikes.
- Need baby changing facilities.

- Need a coat area for children & bags.
- Disabled toilet entrance should be more discrete.
- Combine bar & kitchen for more flexibility.
- Insufficient storage for tables & chairs.
- Don't need a divider if you have a separate meeting room.
- Use dividers so you don't need a separate meeting room.
- If vaulted roof, a divider curtain does not work.
- Rental potential of the meeting room.
- A separate bar & kitchen loses a lot of space.
- Kitchenette is not required.
- The extension compromises the front façade.
- The extension uses too much of the car park.
- Won't pass planning without large sums of money.
- Like the extension footprint.
- Position of toilets impracticable once main hall is divided. Fails to give light and view.
- Extension obscures hall frontage.
- Generally like the layout. Opening up view would be nice.
- Needs moving around differently
- Insufficient storage. The look of the front will be altered.
- Good layout but reduces option to increase views to south. Does the extension area need a kitchenette?
- Too many toilets. Meeting room too big. No dividing screen.
- Performance space too narrow.
- I think B & C, with a meeting room at the bottom right of the plans might present the best aspect to the front.
- No natural light gain unless it is through the roof.
- Extension obscures a window – too big an effect on the façade.

Comments on Scheme D

- An opportunity missed – does not deliver.
- Best budget version.
- Does vaulted ceiling mean a higher energy rating?
- Doesn't feel much different from the current aesthetic.
- Like the combined bar & kitchen.
- Good position of disabled parking.
- No real change.
- Doesn't improve current set up.
- Fails to deliver aspirations. Fails to give light and view.
- Not a lot has changed
- Don't like this layout – no meeting room etc.
- Needs moving around differently
- This feels not much different to current aesthetic – not exciting therefore.
- Very little difference to existing facilities.

- Doesn't look to give much improvement from current layout.
- No dividing screens. Still too many toilets. Sink outside the toilets is good. Like the separation of bar & kitchen in one space.
- Performance space too narrow
- I tend to prefer the conjoined bar/kitchen on this plan.
- Very little improvement on today's arrangement

Specific Questions Asked

1. Unisex toilets or separate male / female?

- 14 x "Unisex"
- Unisex as long as privacy is respected. Solid walls with washbasins. Accommodate child care.
- Unisex provided each is fully enclosed and has own washbasin.
- Unisex to enable more room. The disabled toilet should be more discrete.
- Unisex with shared sinks outside
- Unisex but disabled bigger than current one. Small toilet for toddlers changing room. Basins outside the cubicle.
- Unisex unless inconsistent with legislation / planning constraints.
- Separate disabled & baby changing room. Unisex toilets with hand basins
- 2 x "Separate"
- M/F. Unisex disabled.
- Some reservations
- Disabled unisex, then separate m + f. Probably important to have gender neutral option however.
- Either.

2. Separate bar area or combine with Kitchen?

- 12 x Combine
- Combine but have split counter areas. Also need to have different lighting in bar to kitchen.
- Combine but with separate counters.
- Combine – perhaps separate serving hatches
- Combine – Flexible
- Could be combined if space allows – probably save space compared to separate areas.
- Combine but have separate spaces within one room.
- 4 x Separate
- Separate as events combine the areas.
- 2 x Not sure
- Combined, but bar serving separate from kitchen serving. Space for comfortable lounge seating but not apart from main hall.
- If combined, need enough space for people to work together and not get in each other's way.

3. Separate meeting room / office / green room?

- 10 x Yes
- Yes, if possible both. No office.
- One room used for all 3 purposes. Could also house parish council files etc.
- We need a parish / community office, with storage for documents etc.
- Green room essential. Can combine with Meeting Room.
- Dedicated meeting room. Green room near the stage
- One decent sized all purpose room.
- Meeting room that could double as office & green room.
- Can see lots of uses for this and gives flexibility.
- Nice to have.
- Separate meeting room is a good idea.
- Yes – but by using a partition
- No separate meeting room. Low usage and the shop is available.
- Not sure
- No opinion

4. Design for two simultaneous events?

- 7 x Yes
- Event & meeting at same time
- Yes – meetings can take place when a club is being held.
- Should be achievable fairly inexpensively with a divider.
- Only if not noisy. Also possible problem with parking wars if two events.
- 5 x No
- No. Demand is so low, unless the design is not compromised.
- Only if fairly simple
- Would sound proofing be an issue?
- Dependent on what type of event.
- Possibly
- Not sure
- Whatever suits the village
- Doesn't matter to me.
- Not necessary.

5. Wider hall with windows to south?

- 18 x Yes
- Must have. More natural light and visual impact of windows to south. Look to reconfigure roof to the south – possible gable roof to south central to hall, or possible roof lights.
- Would be good
- Yes – would improve aesthetic hugely.
- Yes – as a preferred option
- Very desirable
- Definitely
- Good idea

- Yes – Highish level window for privacy
- If plausible

6. Moveable & modular stage?

- 14 x Yes
- Essential.
- Would enable all sorts of events to be held. Have used Kentisbury stage in past.
- Yes, but need appropriate store
- Yes – more modern and flexible
- Yes – much greater flexibility
- Modular – best use of space
- Modular and moveable would be more useable, but would need more storage.
- Perhaps – depends on final result.
- Keep stage modular but small
- Must liaise with Heidi as current user of stage
- Who would be responsible for moving it and setting up? Health & Safety?
- No. Retain existing if possible.
- I like the present stage – it is a good height
- Not sure

7. Exhibition & Display capability?

- 8 x Yes
- Yes, but not a primary design requirement – just fit into an area.
- Yes, would be very good.
- This is desirable and relatively cost/space free
- This should be easily achieved by use of the walls
- Yes – picture rail type.
- Good idea
- Sounds a lovely idea
- Nice to have for occasional use, but should not drive the design. Perhaps a simple hanging rail on walls. Maybe some free standing boards. Maybe use lobby area or meeting room for permanent photos from history group etc. Could use a display screen in lobby that cycled through photos?
- If not taking up space
- If possible
- In office.
- A luxury
- No – just have boards in storage for events
- No – try Google
- No opinion

8. Coat hanging area by entrance?

- 11 x Yes.
- Brolly stand as well.

- Need to identify a space for this.
- Coat hanging essential, but location flexible.
- In entrance hall and toilets.
- Coat hanging area somewhere.
- Nice option – especially for winter events
- Hanging space in toilet area
- In toilet area.
- Need it somewhere
- No. Use meeting room
- Not a priority
- Not so important unless raining
- Could use current lobby for this. Not a must. Could use a coat stand which is stored when not in use.
- Use a rail
- No
- No idea – not essential I guess

Additional comments written on reverse of response form

- Cleaning cupboard and utility
- No scheme is perfect
- Using dividers compromises the vaulted ceiling. Dividers need protecting and impede space etc.
- Which scheme has the least carbon footprint?
- Electric bikes are coming.
- May need larger storage spaces.
- Velux windows / sun tubes are good.
- Combine bar and kitchen.
- Only need one meeting room OR one partitioned area – not both.
- Storage is key for tables, chairs, stage
- Aesthetics – beware of roof lights and vaulted ceiling – need to black out – will influence blinds/curtains.
- More friendly ambience – warmer colours – picture – changing displays.
- All toilets grouped together – not random around the hall.
- To better answer some of the option questions, could we compile a pro-forma detailed projected calendar for one year, incorporating current and potential groups of users. This would help to quantitively answer these questions.
- Possible use of roof space above extension for archive storage
- Strongly support exhibition & display capability plus additional storage for users and local groups.
- None of the schemes come close to delivering what we need.