

LAMBEAGE HALL NEWS

Dear Coverack Friend

You may have filled in a questionnaire about the Lambeage last year. This is an update on what is happening following that.

HISTORY

For visitors and those that do not know; the Lambeage was left in trust to the village in 1920, almost 100 years ago.



It had a wooden hall. This was sheathed in masonry, and the extension with kitchens and toilets, added in 1970. The structural condition of the building has been a concern for some time. This was not helped by some modifications, which have since been rectified.

MANAGEMENT

The trustees hold ownership of the hall for the village. They delegate running of the Hall and grounds to a management committee. Most user organisations are represented on this. This committee has instituted another project

committee to investigate funding for rebuilding the hall itself. It was this committee that circulated the questionnaires.

AGM



The management committee AGM was held on Monday March 14th, and following intensive publicity by David Bruce, was enjoyed by 58 people. Free cheese and wine helped, and the meeting was preceded by a report on progress by the rebuilding team.

Questionnaire results were presented by Tim Hawkins, and plans by Terry Thompson.

Tim's summary was:-

REMEMBER THE SURVEY YOU FILLED IN?

- 60% OF OCCUPIED HOUSHOLDS RESPONDED
- 83% OF THOSE THINK NEW HALL IS ESSENTIAL OR DESIRABLE
- 06% THOUGHT IT WAS OK
- 11% WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING ELSE
- 52% WOULD LIKE SPORTS FACILITIES
- 35% WOULD LIKE PARKING AND DISABLED ACCESS

Some of the 11% questioned "why not build on the North Corner car park?" We do not own this, and understand that when it was sold

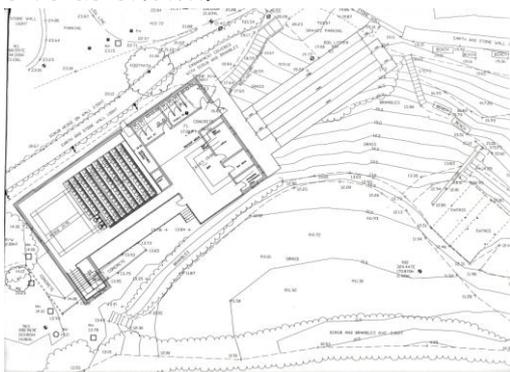
to Kerrier District Council, there was a covenant attached to prevent its use for building. Tim has written to Cornwall Council legal department seeking to clarify this.

However, we do own the Lambeage; it has a building on it which we would presume to replace, and this work could qualify for a national Lottery grant for up to £500,000.

Terry presented some plans that have been worked up in a very limited time by "BHM Architects", a London firm with a local link.



Such a building would fit onto the site as shown.



The design features; No stage, but fold away raked seating, to give the most flexible space; disabled access with a zig-zag access ramp and 3 or 4 disabled parking spaces by the road; a bar, toilets and kitchen.

A terrace overlooking the sea is also shown. More parking was considered, but the shape of the site, junction with the road, and concerns over traffic makes parking for non-disabled users uneconomic.

NEXT STEPS

The team have analysed the Lottery Grant form, and identified 7 areas where further information is required. There is a team leader for each of these and they would welcome your ideas and input. Leaders are:-

Other potential users - ROBIN

Existing Users - JAMES

Other local halls - MARSHALL

Business Plan - TERRY

Technical services - DAVID

South Kerrier Alliance-JOHN B

Community Fundraising - TIM

Any offers or requests for more information please contact Tim Hawkins on 280341.

USE YOUR HALL

The hall is available for hire, and more intensive use of it can only help our grant application. The charges are very reasonable. For details visit the village web-site www.coverack.org.uk

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This leaflet has been developed to try and keep you in touch with what the team are doing and follows requests made at the AGM presentation. If you have any comments about it, please speak to the editor, Terry Thompson, on 280228.