

## PRESS RELEASE

### NEW VILLAGE HALL MOVES ONE STEP CLOSER



Coverack Lambeage hall has now been granted planning permission for its demolition and replacement. The grounds and the Lambeage Hall were granted to the villagers in 1922 and the freehold is held by the Charity Trustees. Events at the hall have funded the upkeep of the play area and grounds and hall maintenance for the last 90 years. But now the hall is in poor structural order and needs to be replaced.

A poll of all village households 2 years ago showed strong support for replacing the hall, and collected a lot of user feedback. Some design proposals were drawn up "pro-bono" and put to a public meeting at the 2011 AGM attended by 56 villagers. An almost unanimous vote agreed to proceed. A functional specification of the hall, covering the use by current and suggested users was drawn up. Three fixed price quotes for a design were obtained from local architects and after much effort, a grant for 80% of the total planning cost was agreed by the West Cornwall Local Action Group (WCLAG), funded by DEFRA and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Logos of the funding bodies supporting the West Cornwall Local Action Group are displayed here.



A further public meeting was called where it was agreed to proceed and to initiate a local fund raising initiative. This has raised the remaining 20% required for this stage of the project. For more information go to the rebuild website at <http://www.lambeagehall.org.uk/>

Following the quotations, Richard Thomas of RTP Surveyors, Falmouth was appointed as architect. He developed the new design, and submitted the planning application which has been approved. Terry Thompson, a Coverack resident, who has been managing the planning application for the hall committee said "the old, tired and worn out building can now be replaced with a modern facility which echoes the surrounding traditional buildings but provides for all the up to date facilities the villagers need". He added "the open consultation with villagers has meant that none of the residents have objected to the design and more than £3000 has been raised from them in less than a year to make it happen.

A new fundraising team is being assembled to begin to raise the considerable funds that will be needed for the demolition and re- build. Meanwhile the plan is to use the funds already raised, for the detailed design of the new building, approval of building control, and allow a detailed cost estimate, which will be needed for fund raising.

Although the completion of a new hall is some time off, the villagers can now see progress being made to deliver their new hall. The grant of planning permission and the detailed design work now beginning will allow the fund raising team to formally apply for grants to complete the work.

If you wish to contribute either your time or funds please see our website.

<http://www.lambeagehall.org.uk/>

**A view of the existing hall.**



**A scale model of the future hall**

