

NEW FACILITIES for the COMMUNITY in BRADFIELD PROJECT SUMMARY



Our Vision

A Community space for ALL, young and old, to meet for recreation, social events, education and entertainment, catering for the needs of today and for a larger community in the decades ahead:

The Key Principles

- A village hall Bradfield can be proud of, with facilities appropriate for the 21st Century
- Economical, low maintenance and eco-friendly building
- Flexible spaces designed for good circulation and choice of rooms for simultaneous events
- Suitable space for casual sport, e.g. badminton, table tennis
- Modern kitchen and catering facilities
- Facilities for those with disabilities and young children
- Adequate storage
- New playground in a safer location and new multi-use games area [MUGA]
- Improved and enlarged car park and safe pedestrian access
- To keep the existing hall open for as long as possible during construction

Recognising

- The need to replace a totally inadequate building built in 1951, which requires costly repairs and maintenance, is expensive to heat and whose long-term future is in doubt
- The high expectations of potential hirers
- The huge benefits to the local community as reported by other newly refurbished or rebuilt village halls



The Proposals

- A new Village Hall with a footprint of some 434 metres comprising large hall, smaller hall and committee room, all with dedicated catering, suitable toilets and adequate storage facilities.
- A generous foyer for socialising/waiting out of the weather and safe circulating space.
- Indoor storage for the After-School Club, Bridge Club, table tennis tables and other equipment belonging to the hall.
- Outside secure storage for the Village Shop, the Pigeon, Dog and Rabbit Clubs, offsetting the loss of the current inadequate shed and dilapidated garages. External disabled toilet.
- Play equipment suitable for all ages on the field.
- Replace the tennis court with a flexible Multi-Use Games Area catering for football, netball and tennis. A safe space for youngsters to learn to ride their bikes.
- A much improved and safer car park.
- A safe and dedicated pedestrian access from the Southend Road to the Hall, field and outside facilities, as well as to the Primary School, without crossing the car park or the entrance gate.
- A garden for relaxation to be situated in the current playground area to keep the rural aspect of the street scene.

The Costs

- It is estimated that the total cost of the scheme will be in the order of £2,200,000. Ways of reducing this estimate through engineering solutions are being actively sought.
- It will be completed on a phased basis of 5 stages [Hall, Car Park, Children's Play Areas, MUGA, Garden] with the aim of allowing the existing Hall to remain open for as long as possible whilst construction goes ahead.