

Neighbourhood Plan.

In the interests of progressing a neighbourhood plan, several schemes have been investigated. It is felt that we must progress the plan on an urgent basis in order to qualify for the grants or subsidies which may be available to us.

Of the schemes looked at, two in particular stood out as being the most beneficial to the community in general.

The first one of these involves upgrading the doctors surgery, the general medical services to the village and surrounding area. It was the general consensus of all involved that the existing surgery on Polruan Quay is both outdated and inadequate.

Therefore, finding a solution to this particular situation is at the head of our list of priorities.

What is needed is a modern airy building, with up to date facilities for our visiting doctors, adequate car parking and a recognised landing site for the air ambulance.

Here I would like to request The Clerk to write to The Fowey River Practice and set up a meeting with one or more of the doctors, in order to refine their requirements to bring the facilities here up to an acceptable standard.

The second scheme involves the Village Hall. Which similar to the Doctors surgery on The Quay, seems to be generally outdated, and lacking in the facilities provided by village halls in places such as Whitecross, Lanreath, Lerryn and others. If we look at the useage of these other village halls, it is very high, compared with ours in Polruan.

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To give credit where credit is due, an idea from Councillor Fisher was the trigger for this proposal. His suggestion was to combine the two facilities in one purpose built structure. The site for this building would be on the higher Kendall Park site, where building land is available, and the site is large enough to accommodate the needs of both the Village Hall and the Doctors surgery.

Councillor Trueman then contacted the original developer of Kendall Park who was kind enough to give freely of the information he has to hand, and furthermore, and on a no-fee basis, offered to project manage the scheme.

Initial contact with the Fowey River practice drew a very favourable response to the proposal, since like their patients, they often have difficulty accessing The Quay in their vehicles. Without over committing themselves, they did concede that the existing facility was somewhat outdated.

A study is currently underway investigating why exactly other village halls in the area are doing so well, and presumably turning in a profit, whilst we in Polruan do appear to be lacking somewhat. If we look at just one example, that being Whitecross Village hall, it is used as a community facility and has a high useage factor.

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