

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE FUTURE OF HOOE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Project Committee met on the 12th February 2024 and agreed to hold a **Community Consultation** to obtain the preferences of the local community on whether to keep and refurbish the village hall or sell it.

A considerable amount of work has been undertaken to research the village hall options to inform the decisions taken by the Parish Council on the 12th February 2024. All the reports and supporting documents are available to read on the Parish Council's website at www.hooe-pc.gov.uk/village-hall-project

At the last meeting the council rejected an option to build a new village hall on the recreation grounds, thereby leaving two remaining options; to refurbish the village hall by means of a long-term plan of incremental improvements to keep the village hall open for public use and to promote the potential longer-term use by the community; or sell the village hall due to the declining use and save the taxpayers the cost of keep the village hall in good repair. As both options have long-term financial implications for the taxpayers of Hooe, the consultation is needed.

The **Community Consultation** is to take place between the **8th April and 30th April 2024** and every household in Hooe will receive a consultation pack and voting form through the post asking for their preferences. Each person residing at the address who is eligible to vote and is on the electoral register may vote. The Parish Council will provide a pre-paid envelope for the forms to be returned to the Clerk by the 30th April 2024.

The consultation will be widely advertised in various locations in and around the village and the council recommend you take part.

There will be a Village Hall Project Committee meeting on **Wednesday 8th May 2024** at 7pm in the village hall where all the pre-paid envelopes will be opened, and the voting result will be declared. Hooe Parish Council intends to discuss the response to the Community Consultation at the Annual Parish Meeting on **Wednesday 29th May** at 7pm whereby residents can add any final point of views.

The Community Consultation is not binding on the Parish Council, but the weight of response and views of the community will inform the final decision that will be made by the following Village Hall Project Committee meeting on **Wednesday 19th June 2024** at 7pm in the village hall.

The next general Full Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 8th April 2024** at 7pm in the village hall with a councillor's surgery starting at 6:45pm.

Jane Warrener - Clerk to Hooe Parish Council