POSTBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Acting Chair: Gerald Smerdon. Treasurer: Don Agnew. Secretary: Martyn Longly

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF POSTBRIDGE.
VILLAGE HALL MODERNISATION.

Dear Resident 24th June 2010

As you will know a public meeting was held on the 17th of June to give the community the opportunity to respond to the proposals to modernise the hall. A paper was circulated beforehand, for review, giving the background to the proposals and breakdown of costs. There were two options – one costing £435,750.00 and a variant of it with one of the extension dropped and this will cost £365,750.00. For the purposes of clarity these two options will be referred to as options A (£435K) and B (365k).

At the meeting held on the 17th June the sub-committee presented a further two options – one a total cost of £233,000.00 and one that was not costed but called the 'do nothing option'. These two will be referred to as option C and D. The sub-committee felt that as funding was becoming harder to get, options A and B should be dropped and option C now be considered. Following lengthy discussion, it was agreed by the body of the meeting that it recommends option C (costing £233,000.00) to be put to the village for further consultation.

I have attached a copy of the part of the presentation detailing the works and costs for option C for any villagers who were unable to attend last week.

At this financially difficult time, the main village hall committee wishes it to be known that is does not necessarily recommend option C and believes that there is another option which would, and should cost significantly less and offer value for money. We feel that what is described as the 'do nothing option' is not described accurately as the hall needs to be maintained in the interim period regardless of which option is progressed and that we should maintain and improve the faciliites as best possible with the funds currently available. If we can subsequently raise further funds they should be spent with care and attention to the community's needs . This is now called option D and would include the improvement to the car park with the help of the village in the form of labour and services, a substantial amount of which was volunteered at the last meeting.. We have not had time to cost this but the committee needs to know what the feeling is in the community about which option is seen to be appropriate.

We ask that you consider the above very carefully and please let us have you views. Your opinion does count and will affect the village in years to come. . For those of you with e-mail can you please let me know your (and your families) response by contacting me at duryfarm@btinternet.com.
I promise complete confidentiality in all these matters.
For those of you who do not have e-mail please complete the tear off strip below and drop it into the Post Office. I appreciate that this is a busy time of year but your earliest response will be appreciated

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(Non e-mail users
Thank you from the Postbridge Village Hall Committee. *P.T.O. for details of option C.)*