

- We think that the current site offers considerable benefits, not least so far as the school is concerned. However, we have heard, that in order to expand and modernise the existing building will cost in the region of £1 million (not sure how this figure has been arrived at to be considered accurate). It is clear to see that that £100K is never going to be enough and we can't see where the additional money is going to come from within a reasonable timeframe. We think the VH committee should take a serious look at a less adventurous plan which is affordable.
- A google search "cost to build village hall" provides reports of other villages and their builds. For example www.hartpuryvillagehall.co.uk. The cost of this hall was £700k and seems to be of similar size to ours but there are others online. Where is this £1 million coming from?
- We do think village hall users and residents generally should be able to have their say in a consultation of some sort. We would like to know, for example, does anyone still use that billiards table? We agree that the people working on this should not be conflicted by other interests and be able to take decisions and get things done for the benefit of everyone.
- The community needs a new hall and it should remain at the current location to support the school which is the life blood of the village. That said if there was a strategic plan to give the village a new school and hall location which could provide more space for both and modern facilities that would be ideal
- We think we should build a new hall, it can be built to suit user needs and it will be brand new and fully functional. We are not building experts but we don't think it would take long to build (we don't think it's the same as building a house where people need to stay warm at night) and we don't see why it would cost £1 million - why is this figure going around? We need to see a proper quote for what the village wants when that's decided
- We are fortunate to have a well-used village hall in a central location and it should be fit for the purposes of today's users.

Cllr J Griffiths
Chairman
Whimple Parish Council
26 February 2019