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**Our Objective**

To ensure the Village Hall is a safe, warm, friendly environment which is fit for the purpose of the Village and surrounding community.

**14th November 2018**

The Otterhampton Village Hall Trustees/Committee want to keep everyone informed every step of the way with regard to the Refurbishment of the Village Hall, which is the purpose of this update and will be produced on a regular basis.

As you will have seen from Otter Tales, we had a positive response following our Independent Survey, summary results and comments are shared with you all on the Combwich website: <www.combwich.co.uk>.

Very draft plans for the refurbishment have been drawn up and, Sarah Webb is in the process of speaking to representatives from all of our regular User Groups to ensure their needs are met. We are of course also taking into account comments and views expressed in the survey just to understand everyone’s needs going forward.

**Of course we would like input from everyone, so please feel free to contact us if you have any ideas/concerns surrounding the plans. We will have a Refurbishment Display at the Village Market on the 8th December, so please come along.**

Planning permission has been sought, purely for the external alterations of the building i.e. Solar panels, access ramp for the disabled, cladding for the upper part of the wall and windows in the roof above the short mat bowls room. This was a decision made purely to help with the timing of the start of the project and is of course subject to approval.

The good news is, we now have funding agreed by Hinckley C Community Fund (formerly CIM) in the sum of £13,000, which will pay for:-

* Quantity Surveyor costs –
  + Plans etc.
  + Reporting and analysing of tenders
  + Planning Fee
  + Building Regulation Fee
  + Asbestos Survey

We also have verbal confirmation that we will receive a further £3,000 in order to have professional project management help, which as volunteers on the OVH committee, we are extremely pleased about as this will help us to help you.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AT THE VILLAGE MARKET ON THE 8TH DECEMBER, WHERE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE AROUND TO SPEAK WITH YOU ALL.**