



Bishopstoke Parish Council

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Re: The demolition of Bishopstoke Memorial Hall and subsequent construction of a new community building

To whom it may concern,

Bishopstoke Parish Council currently intends to fund, along with Eastleigh Borough Council and potential other partners, the construction of a new community building on the site of the land owned by Bishopstoke Memorial Hall Charity (charity number 301744) following the demolition of the existing building there. The Parish Council is the Sole Trustee of the Charity and is acting in accordance with the Charity's wishes.

The Parish Council is committed to using all available resources and endeavours to bring this about. Existing funding for the project comes from Borough Council grants, developer contributions and Parish Council reserves. Additional funding is still required and it is anticipated that this will come from other grant sources, local residents and crowd-sourcing, and a Public Works Loan Board loan (to be repaid via an increase in the Parish Council precept).

Subject to the necessary funds being acquired and no other insurmountable obstacles becoming apparent, the Parish Council will proceed with designing, planning and constructing, in conjunction with the Borough Council and others as necessary, a new community building on the land owned by the Bishopstoke Memorial Hall Charity.

Should the Parish Council be unable to proceed with a community building, then the Charity and Parish Council would instead find an alternative community benefit for the land. This may be in the form of a community garden, sensory garden, or some other as yet undetermined purpose. In any case, the Parish Council is clear that the land should and will be used to the benefit of the community.

Yours Faithfully

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