

Alverstoke Parish Centre Regeneration

2016 User Comments

Comments from members of user groups; PCC and the Project Committee, collated by Betty and Peter Ford

1. General Comments:

- Rooms not big enough. Some users would appreciate more space to allow them to extend membership etc.
- Building is not energy efficient as it stands and is draughty and cold at times (poor insulation, door fittings etc). Needs proper double glazing all over, solar panels, eco friendly lighting ...). Need for better heating system/air conditioning.
- The drains are not adequate for the use of the building at the moment and it is hoped that the use of the building will be greatly increased.
- The toilets are inadequate for current users of the parish centre.

2. Users stated the following requirements:

Need

- a hall accommodating 150 people
- a further good sized room, accommodating 40 people, which could be used separately from the larger hall and at the same time as the main hall is being used
- storage space ...for the centre itself (chairs, tables etc) and for users
- softer flooring eg Karndean to reduce the noise level
- better security as it is poor due to poor door fittings
- a separate baby changing facility to allow fathers to change their children

- to expand and update the Centre and Parish administration spaces and make them more user friendly i.e. need to separate the admin office from the print room, with a much larger, private clergy room
- a welcoming reception area where users can wait comfortably – with space to accommodate wheelchairs, buggies
- a lounge for about 15 where people could meet informally.
- A modern kitchen which is ergonomically designed for ease of use
- separate smaller kitchen with café style presentation room adjoining for smaller groups, and when access to the hall is restricted
- Store for cleaning equipment
- disabled access throughout
- better soundproofing of the main halls
- integrated technology system to support presentations, speakers, demonstrations
- proper fire alarm system and alarm call points
- updated fixtures and fittings to make the centre a viable venue for celebratory activities. (There is a lack of reasonably priced venues for weddings etc in Gosport)
- a lot more parking spaces for both cars and bikes
- to keep front garden. Create small play area for community use.