

Community Hub, Bayston Hill – Oaklands site

Building use-

After taking into consideration community responses and ideas about the envisaged Community use for part of the former Oaklands school site, and existing community facilities in the Parish, it is suggested that the 'Bayston Hill Community Hub' building/site should accommodate:

Library

Parish office

Meeting/ multi-use space

Parking

Outdoor space- courtyard garden/ toddler play area with potential for Community garden

A new library

- this would be a 'lift and shift' of the existing library to the new site offering;
- High speed internet connection for whole building.
- Bank of computers
- Interactive story telling area
- Ability to use library space outside library hours

Parish Office

- A more central base for Parish clerk, booking of Parish Amenities
- Option for Parish meetings to take place in building enabling space to be freed up in other community venues for community group use.

Bookable Office space/Work space

- For other agencies to use/ home workers/ Advice agencies

Meeting room/multi-use spaces

- This could be a larger space that could be split into smaller meeting space – this would enable flexible use by community groups, clubs and local businesses.

Refreshment area

- This could be part of the meeting space/ library/ PC office, giving opportunity for refreshments at meetings (it could take to form of a small kitchen or a vending area)

Outdoor area

- Courtyard garden area with seating
- Toddler play area

Parking

- Parking needed for staff/ library van and centre users.

Additional

- Structure should be as eco-friendly, energy efficient as possible.
- High speed internet connection/ Wi-Fi
- The site should incorporate existing hedgerows and trees.
- The site should aim to have minimal impact on neighbouring properties.

Housing comments

Comments were made about future housing development on the site. Could any housing development on the wider site please take into consideration the following points-

Retirement Homes – these would 'free' up larger family homes in the Village

Single storey

Affordable

Benefit Bayston Hill residents

Nursing home

Eco friendly

Sheltered

Assisted Living

No large detached

Starter homes

Minimum impact on those around