

A permanent village hall for Tunstead

Throughout 2018, the Tunstead village hall development team have been working on replacing the tired portable unit with a more up-to-date one. However, the team have concluded that because of changes to the building regulations for public buildings, replacing a like for like demountable unit on the village recreation ground is not cost-effective. The project costs would be similar to building a conventional structure. So instead of another portacabin-style unit, a permanent village hall will be constructed.

The village hall is at the concept stage of development. This will help to show what the village hall might look like. The drawings give an artist's impression on the look of the building. It features three sections; a small hall, a large hall, and outdoor-sports changing rooms. The design is brick-clad and looks similar to the agricultural buildings found in the area.



Figure 1 The small hall



Figure 2 The completed building

The build will be done in two major phases. Initially, the small hall will be built. Later on, as funds allow, the structure will be extended to include a large hall suitable to host a badminton court. At that time a set of changing room will be constructed. These will replace the portable unit that houses the existing changing rooms.

The next stage of the project is to engage an architectural company to draw up the plans ready to apply for planning permission. Once approved, tenders for the construction of the small hall will be sought.