



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Committee**2. Date: **7 Jun 2012**3. Summary of application: **Refurbishment Project**Name of organisation: **Great Wymondley Village Hall**Sum requested: **£1,500**Total project cost: **£6,200**

Brief details:

In 2011 the Trustees of the Village Hall had assets of £9,700, of which £6,000 was a reserve to cover the possible demolition and making good of the site should the Hall have to close. The Trustees concerns being that the Hall is in excess of 100 years old and that they potentially could be personally faced with repair costs in excess of such reserves.

Recently a revised quote has be obtained estimating £9,000 to be a more accurate figure partly due to the roof containing low levels of asbestos.

In June 2010 the Council contracted a surveying company to carry out assessments on all the village halls throughout the District to provide a condition survey for each building / facility. In Gt Wymondley Village Hall's case it was estimated that the Trustees needed to spend in the region of £49,000.

This triggered a strategic review by the Trustees and a summary was presented to the Parish

Matched / linked funding: **£3,000**Funder: **Planning Contributions & HCC Locality Budget**Matched /linked funding : **£0**
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

Late last year the Trustees engaged a Chartered Surveyor to provide a report on the work necessary to keep the Hall operational for a further 10 years. From this a local builder was engaged to cost the work and in some cases he could only estimates as a firm quote would have required further investigative work, eg on the guttering down pipes and soak-aways.

The major priority is the gents toilet, currently situated in a lean-to with severe damp issues.

An application has been made to obtain £2,000 from unlocking potential Planning Contribution funding available to projects in the Wymondley area and via the Parish Council.

The remaining funds required total approximately £6,200

The Trustees have stated that County Councillor Richard Thake has agreed an 'in principle' grant of £1,000 from his Locality Budget.

The Trustees are seeking financial assistance from the Southern Rural Committee and have also requested financial assistance from the Parish Council.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date: