

# MEMORIAL CENTRE – REPORT OF THE PUBLIC MEETING ON 20 MARCH

Over 190 people joined the Trustees of the Village Hall Trust & The Memorial Ground Trust along with the Project Working Group to find out about the latest position of the project.

- Planning Approval has been given for the re-designed Memorial Centre which is a major step forward.
- Trustees explained the benefits of the Memorial Centre for people of all ages and interests – many of which are impossible or prohibitively expensive to achieve in the current facilities.
- The two Trusts presented on the proposals to sell a small plot of land at the edge of the Memorial Ground, which is unsuitable for recreational purposes and eventually, the Village Hall site. Proceeds of both sales would contribute to the Memorial Centre build costs.

The audience had the opportunity to ask questions of all Trustees and the Working Group. Topics included the projected construction costs; car parking, the anticipated running costs, and the likely timescales for the project. Trustees admitted that some issues such as interim arrangements for sports changing facilities will need to be discussed further, once the Village have voted in favour of the project.

The subsequent vote on the three resolutions of 96% in favour proved there is over whelming support for the Memorial Centre.

**Next steps:** The Trustees of both Trusts will move to the Detailed Design Stage. There are many details of the building to be determined and agreed with the Planning Authority before going to tender with interested contractors. This period also offers time to involve the clubs and user groups to discuss details that would support their respective activities.

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