

The Community Hall at Stadhampton Primary School - the Parish Council seeks your views

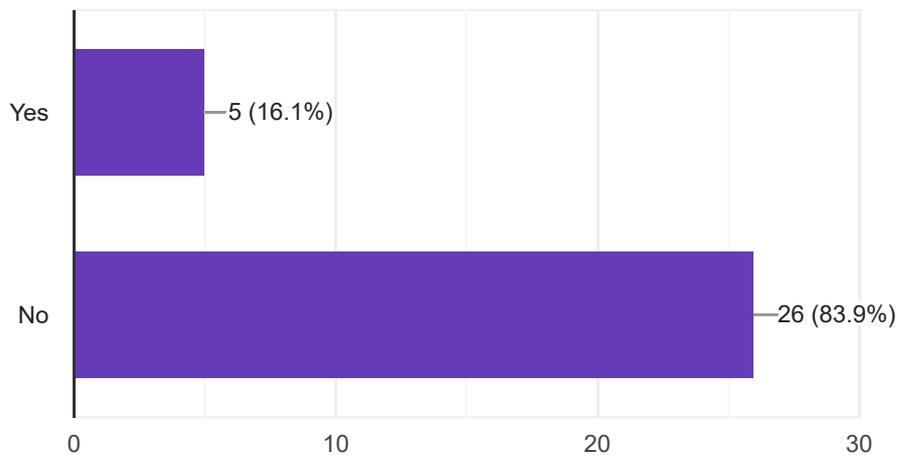
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Do you consider the joint user agreement to allow the community use of the hall at the school should continue?

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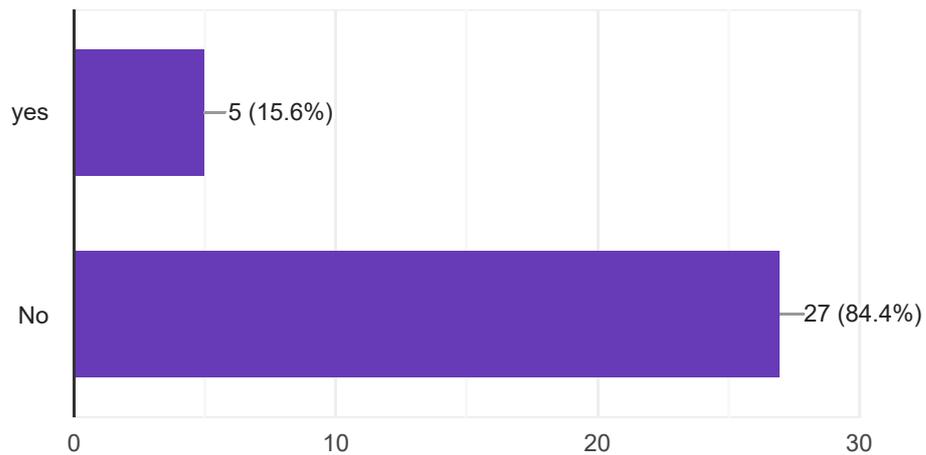
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Would you consider hiring the hall at the school for an event/activity?

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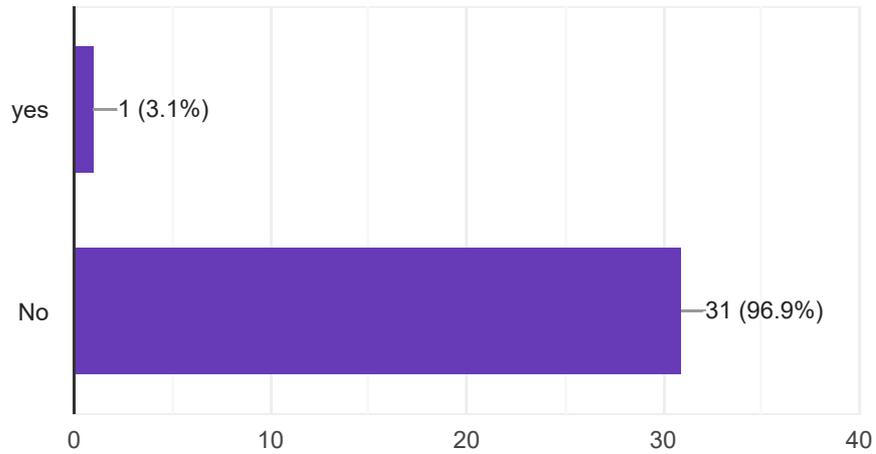
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Would you be willing to volunteer to sit on the management committee to run the community use of the school hall?



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If your answer was yes, please give your name, phone and email contact information

2 responses

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Do you have any further comments?

16 responses

No need for this as we now use the church as a village hall

The Parish council should staff the group rather than outsourcing to village volunteers

Church as hall works really well. School was great in past thanks but think church fine as hall moving forward and will help keep church busy.

I think the church now provides adequate village hall facilities for the parish along with the sports pavilion so if the community use of the school is to continue, I hope others will come forward to volunteer. I would volunteer but am already committed to volunteering for a number of different things within the parish.

Don't mean to sound negative with my answers, but I think the community requirements are now provided by the village hall in the church. Thanks to those who have run the function in the school for so many years.

Since the alterations to the church I have not thought to hold any events in the school - the church is the obvious first choice.

For many years until it folded in 2020 I was on the management committee of the Community Hall. For a lot of them I was chair and latterly also the booking clerk. I hope the comments below are helpful, though things may have changed in more recent years.

The Community Hall never had a lot of bookings, even before the church became the Village Hall. It is not a particularly attractive space for some events, always retaining the look of a school. We bought large curtains to cover the wall bars, but it is still very obviously a school

Over the years as the school curriculum demanded more and more equipment, the only place to store some of this was in the hall. This meant some of it could be in the way of bookings, or could be damaged by some activities. School staff were required to move it out of the way, but this was not always possible

The kitchen is small and awkward to work in.

There were adult sized chairs bought by the Community Hall Management Committee, who also provided crockery for events that wanted to offer refreshments and plastic bowls, jugs etc for children's parties. Bookings latterly tended to be from people who had some connection to the school and so knew of its availability and what it was like. Some bookings liked it for the wooden floor if they were doing some kind of exercise class

The hall is only available at weekends, in the school holidays or in the evenings, provided the school has no use for it or no maintenance is being carried out. This is a significant drawback. It also means that during times when the school is not operating, it is not possible to liaise with them about a possible booking. So for instance, any booking not already confirmed to take place during the summer holidays before school breaks up, will not be able to go ahead. The school used to take a proportion of the takings from bookings. However, unless there are



a lot of bookings, this probably adds very little to the school budget and the school may feel that the effort required from them does not make it worthwhile

The Village Hall is a much nicer space in my view. It is struggling to pay its way, but could benefit from wider advertising of its availability and benefits. It is close to the M40 and Oxford for instance and could be used for business meetings and away days. A similar campaign to increase use of the Community Hall would be more difficult because of the access issues outlined above, the limitations of the space and would probably not result in many bookings

If I can help further, please let me know.

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NO

I see no point in having the two facilities. If this agreement were to end then the money spent on insurance/cleaning etc could be deployed for other uses. I appreciate that it would not yield a vast amount of money but it could add to the attractiveness of the village ie Xmas tree lights or planting daffodils around the village as many local villages have done.

I think the new village hall at our church is perfect to hire with all the facilities there and such a lovely hall. It seems to be enough and we dont really need the school hall too. It is much easier to focus on one facility rather than two.

Re the joint user agreement

Would parish council need to pay to be "released" from the joint user agreement? are there any cost implications.

Are "we" confident the church will continue to be used long term as a place of worship. If church shuts would the building still be available to be used as a village hall?

My husbands comments are as follows—

Would the parish council be liable for costs of running the church hall if worship ceases? we have used the school hall many times in the past but feel that the church facilities are superior. In the present financial climate I feel "putting all our eggs in one basket" would potentially be a backward step

Thank you

Back in 1970's I was the only Community Hall cleaner for community events. The job was extremely time consuming because it was impossible to clear debris, clean, Hoover, polish, wipe, in the maximum 4 hours time allowed for a weekend social event, or the the one hour time allowed cope with all the locking and unlocking for weekly activities, young farmers, bingo, done for a few months to raise funds for the swimming pool, youth club, brownies, guides,, plus airing it, cleaning lavatories, the grounds, and keeping the classrooms, music room, library, kitchen, secure.

Social events discos, wedding receptions, adult birthday parties, barbecues, anything involving alcohol, are not compatible with the life of the school. The head teacher needs to be in full control here, she/he can choose to organise any social events.

It's a lovely school, my children and grandchildren attended, my great granddaughter attends it



now, it's time to let it be a school only. We have other halls in this village and in neighbouring villages which are specially designed for social functions, sporting events.

I agree that there appears to be no real need for 2 halls in the village however the financial viability of the church/village hall also needs to be taken into account in these discussions

The church village hall meets the needs of the community. Leave the school and the kids to fully utilise the school hall.

We should have had a proper village hall built 20 years ago, when there was sufficient backing. The use of a religious building puts restrictions on use and isn't large enough. Therefore it's necessary to have two places available (ie the school). Little Milton is a great example of the sort of facility Stadhampton should have.

The school hall was fine as a community hall when there was no alternative, but it's not necessary to have two venues, now that the church is available.

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