

Firstly I would like to thank all the people who have been in touch so far with suggestions, questions and offers to help. As a village we can really make this happen, and the first thing we need to decide is exactly where to locate the hall. On February 9th the Parish Council debated two potential locations (Recreation Ground or Brewery Field) for the Village Hall. During this meeting the Working Party presented reasons why we feel convinced the Rec would be the better choice. During the debate and open forum we took questions and noted any concerns that need further investigation.

Our reasons for this preference are the central location (with inner and outer lanes connecting the Grounds), the greater potential for grants, and the proximity to the current teams and activities that already benefit from this space (football, tennis, bowls and Duxplay). We will be sharing our thoughts with the village in greater detail at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday March 20th and would love for you to be there so we can hear your views and feedback. If you aren't able to attend that evening, you can read the Paper we created for Parish Council on the Village Web site and we welcome any thoughts or queries.

We recently met with an advisor from South Cambs who is an expert in green spaces, nature and wildlife and have begun tentative steps towards discussing the landscaping of Brewery Field. He was very positive about the number of grants we can qualify for. This is an aspect of the project which could really make headway very quickly; we would love people with green fingers, or just plain enthusiasm, to contact us via the clerk and join us out there in the fresh air when we start the process.

We believe the village hall and the natural landscaping will be a real asset. We would love it to be an opportunity to come together as a community to create something we will all get benefit from.

Please contact [clerk@duxfordvillage.com](mailto:clerk@duxfordvillage.com) with any questions, suggestions, concerns, expert advice, offers to volunteer. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks once again,

Emma Merrells

On behalf of DPC.