

Longford Village Hall News

As you may all be aware Longford Parish has had a huge ingress of new families in recent years. As part of the planning permission for the houses on the new estate a sum of money was lodged with Tewkesbury Council for the betterment of the Longford Community. Originally it was thought that the money ought to be used for improvement works for the Village Hall to bring the facilities up to date with a possible extension. However the money can also be used for other amenities within the Parish.

Initial plans were drawn for an improved Village Hall and a survey of the community carried out, you may or may not have been aware of this. Unfortunately, the response to the survey was inconclusive due to the number of responses. In recent months the process has been re-invigorated and there is now a joint working group made up representatives of the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. We have been working together and have agreed to engage Community Roots CIC, Consultants in Community Organising, to assist us with a more comprehensive survey within the Parish. The aims are:

- To understand the needs of the community and what community facilities you might like to see.
- Inform the Parish Council of the needs of the community so they can formulate the Parish Plan for us in the longer term.

As a result of the survey we hope to bring people together to take action around your common concerns. By reaching out with this survey we will listen to what you would like and hopefully be able to connect and motivate you to build a collective power for a better community.



The working group (along with Committee Members) also attended a 1-day course on Saturday 2 March 19 to help better understand the community organising process, along with the importance of listening to you to better understand your needs.

It is likely that people from Community Roots will be knocking on your door in the near future to get your opinions. Your comments will be valued and as residents of Longford we should all be able to express our views for making our living space better.

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We are approaching that time of the year again where the Annual General Meeting is upon us. The date set is 30 May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. There will be formalities, including the election of Committee Members to Offices and a Financial Report, but there will also be the opportunity to hear about the plans for the future and you will be able to have your say. If you have some free time, you may also like to join the Committee and make a difference or Volunteer to support future events.

If you are interested you can make any enquiries through our new website at lvhfriends.wixsite.com/villagehall.