

WORKING FOR ADDERBURY COMMUNITY WFAC UPDATE

There have been several meetings held during the summer months to fine tune as far as is possible, the plans for the Community building in Milton Road.

The building group consists of Diane Bratt, Keith Mitchel, Victoria Head, Rod Head, Jackie Head, Pam Haynes, Kate Gibbins, James Collier, Gareth Jones and Roland Bratt.

It soon became evident that the original plan where there was a double badmington sized hall space was going to be far outside our likely budget and as a result the architect was tasked with reducing the footprint whilst maintaining all the other features we had asked for, thereby maximising the likely income by keeping flexibility.

The proposed plan was then studied in further detail and it was felt beneficial to create a separate club room, bar and kitchen space for APFC bearing in mind that currently there is a home game every weekend and with the club expanding, this was likely to be more frequent. The main kitchen and bar area would therefore be available for other users.

The architect will now prepare detailed proposals to apply for planning permission which hopefully will be submitted by the end of this month. Cherwell District Council are then likely to take around 13 weeks to make a decision.

We were hoping that the drainage would have already started but this now looks like being October which will further knock back when the field can be seeded.

We believe that whilst the site is dormant, the community finds it difficult to fully engage which impacts on our fundraising programme. It would be useful if some kind of signage could be erected to maintain interest.

WFAC has successfully completed much of the fact finding linked to the project.

We now look forward to putting together a team to research and apply for grant funding and the preparation of robust business plan.

Meanwhile, Fundraising continues:

Community Day 21st September

Autumn Aunt Agatha 6th October

Farmers Market 10th October

Ball 8th November

Christmas Market 30th November

Christmas Aunt Agatha 8th December

We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 16th October. More details to follow