

# Hauxton News - August 2017

## Community Hub

As you may have heard, the Parish Council in June withdrew the planning application for the new village hall, to be built on the recreation ground. This is part of the new Community Hub which includes the new children's play area. This withdrawal was prompted by the fact that the planners at South Cambs. DC said they could not support the new building because it was against the Important Countryside Frontage policy applied by them to the section of the recreation ground adjacent to Church Road.

The Parish Council had pursued the submitted location as it was concerned about the building proximity to adjacent residents, but despite pushing this as far as possible have had to concede to the planners.

The Parish Council is re-submitting a revised planning application, with the village hall now in the location suggested by the planners last year. This is shown in the diagram.

Care has been taken with this revised location to minimise the visual and noise impact on neighbours. The building is 4 metres high at its maximum, compared to the 7.5 metres originally shown in this location 12 months ago. The building will be 5 metres from the boundary line, and shielded from view by a row of evergreen 'pleached' trees.



This revised location has meant that some of the wildflower meadow will be lost but this area will be relocated elsewhere on the recreation ground. The car park area now has a 'grasscrete' surface, but otherwise is unchanged with footpaths separating pedestrians from vehicles.

The design of the building has been modified such that the main entrance is no longer facing Church Road - you now enter through a revised café area.

The glass roof to the corridor has been removed and the rear of the building has just a single fire exit/service door.

The new play area will be within view of the café, as before, but the exact shape and position of the equipment is yet to be finalised.

