

Clerk to Council
Neen Savage Parish Council
The Willows, Hollywaste
Cleobury Mortimer
Shropshire DY14 0HB

22nd December 2023

Dear Mrs McBride

Application for funding from the Neighbourhood Fund

Neen Savage Parish Hall Committee has a project idea to add a storeroom to the existing hall to store tables and chair. This will increase the useable space in the hall and encourage a wider range of groups and activities to operate. This will also help to improve community connections and reach new groups and people; for example, those who currently do not use the hall as space inside is restricted.

A second project is also under consideration and that is to renew the existing tables and chairs with ones which can be stacked and stored on a trolley. The existing tables and chairs are cumbersome, heavy to move and take up valuable room in the hall. The cost of replacing the table and chairs is around £5,000.

The parish hall is a space that really matters to the local community. By improving the places and spaces that matter to the local community, community connections will be improved, and new groups and people will be reached and will benefit from this community space; for example, those who currently do not use the hall as space inside is restricted. The improved space will help break down any barriers within the community as it will allow for more and varied community events to be held by the local community and it will enable the Parish Hall Committee to host more community events.

In June 2023 we made an application to the Community Lottery Fund and received £10,000. The initial verbal quotes we received from interested local builders prior to making the application in March 2023 were all circ. £25,000. However, as time has gone on and we have tried to engage a local contractor it seems that the increase in construction materials has driven those initial verbal quotes up to circ. £30,000.

We are of course planning to part fund the extension but were anticipating making a contribution of £15,000 not the £20,000 that now looks necessary. We shall of course continue to work hard to increase our funds, but the increase required is too large a sum for our small community group to raise in a reasonable period of time.

If the Parish Council were able to assist with a contribution to these projects, it would be gratefully received.

Yours faithfully

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