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STATEMENT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Community Project was a joint partnership between the Parish Hall Management Committee and the Parish Council which had a total project cost of over £450,000.

Following concerns regarding the car park at the village hall (which formed part of the project) a decision was taken for a structural survey to be carried out by someone independent and suitably qualified. Some of the findings highlighted in their report not only related to concerns with the car park but with the terrace/patio area. Full details of the report can be found on the Council's website together with a short video of the terrace wall.

On 4th August the Parish Council wrote to the Parish Hall Management Committee inviting them to work alongside the Council and presented three options all relating to the rectification of works needed to the community project as outlined in the structural surveyor's report, in short:-

- Option 1:-The Halls Committee to have sole responsibility for the works.
- Option 2:-To form a working group with the Parish Council.
- Option 3:-To allow the Parish Council to address all matters.

The trustees of the Parish Hall Management Committee met and a unanimous decision was taken that none of the options presented were in the best interest of the charity.

The Parish Council would therefore have to proceed alone given that none of the presented options for the urgent rectification of works to the community project supported by the Parish Hall Management Committee.

Earlier this month, site test works carried out. The results should be known towards the end of January 2022. Until the results known the car park may still be used, however Heras Fencing has been placed at a safe distance around the patio/terrace structure as a barrier to protect car park users.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

L Cleaver
HPC Clerk