



## **Ansty Village Centre Progress Report      30 June 2013**

This note is designed to update Ansty Sports and Social Club and Ansty Cricket Club members on the progress of the Ansty Village Centre Project.

It also invites all members to participate in the public consultation on the proposed design and location of the new building. The consultation takes place on 6 July 2013, and we have until the 20<sup>th</sup> July to respond.

### **Where does the project currently stand?**

2013 is a key year in the development of the new Ansty Village Centre (AVC).

So far this year the AVC Steering Committee has:

- agreed the governance for the new entity;
- agreed the proposed design of the building;
- held pre-planning consultations with Mid-Sussex District Council (MSDC);
- updated the AVC business case; and
- secured a £127,000 grant funding from MSDC.

### **What's next for the project?**

There is a lot to do. The Steering Committee's priorities are to:

- complete the registration of the new Ansty Village Centre Trust with the Charity Commission;
- conduct a consultation with Ansty residents (**6 July**) in advance of .....
- .....the formal planning application being submitted to MSDC;
- progress negotiations with MSDC on the granting of leases for the site of the building and the main cricket ground;
- invite tenders for the construction of the new Centre; and
- initiate applications to the principal grant funding bodies.

### **When will the new Centre be built?**

The overall aim is to be in a position to commence the new build in (and no later than) September 2014.

This is dependent, amongst other things, on securing planning permission for the new building in the new location on the recreation ground, which will in turn depend on the consultation with Ansty residents and parishioners. The biggest challenge will be to fund the new build.

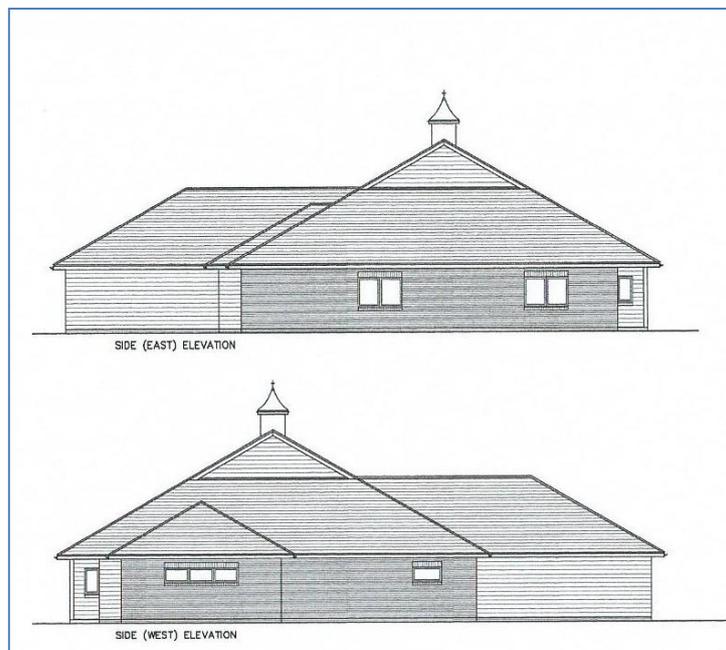


### What will the new building look like?

The front (car park) and rear (cricket field) elevations of the proposed building are shown below.



The side elevations are below.





The following slides give an aerial view of the building and the view of the car park elevation of the proposed building.





### **Where can I see copies of the plans?**

Copies of the site plan and ground floor plan of the building have been placed on the development page of the Ansty CC website: <http://www.anstycc.org.uk/>

### **Does the building design meet with the requirements of other stakeholders?**

We have consulted with stakeholders, including the ECB on the building design. Scandia Hus, the architect, has provided updated drawings to meet the technical specifications of funders and agree the proposed location of the new building in the recreation ground.

Steering Committee members have held a pre-planning meeting with MSDC in advance of the finalisation of the design and the detailed planning application. These discussions have been very constructive.

### **How will the new Centre be run?**

The new Ansty Village Centre Trust (AVCT) is being established as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) to take forward the building and running of the new Centre.

The governance framework has been agreed following consultation with the relevant sections, and other parties such as Sussex Cricket Board and ECB. The AVHT have also consulted with Charity Commission.

Legal advisors (Rix & Kay) are being appointed to the project and will assist in the registration of the new Trust with the Commission.

### **How will the new Ansty Village Centre Trust affect the running of the Sports and Social and Cricket Clubs?**

Ansty Sports and Social Club and Ansty Cricket Club will continue to operate as separate entities within the AVCT framework.

The running of the Centre will be the responsibility of the AVC Board of Trustees. There will be five trustees, two nominated by the Parish Council and one each from the Ansty Village Hall Trust, the Ansty Sports and Social Club, and the Ansty Cricket Club.

### **How much will the Centre cost to build?**

The cost of the building, including external works, fees etc, is currently estimated at c£980,000 (excluding VAT). This is a preliminary estimate.

### **Is the Centre viable?**

A key test for the project is to demonstrate to stakeholders that the new Centre is financially sustainable. The Business Case has been updated to reflect the latest project developments (April 2013) and this has been shared with MSDC and the ECB.



## **What funding do we have and how much more is there to raise?**

We have reached the £437,000 fund raising mark in April. The main elements are:-

MSDC (Section 106)	£127k
Village Hall Trust	£110k
Parish Council	£100k (subject to referendum)
Ansty Sports & Social/Ansty CC	£100k

ECB has indicated that it could offer support to the project in the form of grant funding of £100k and an interest free loan of £100k. However, this would have to be applied for and is not guaranteed.

Even if the loan option is pursued, it would leave a further £350k to be raised.

## **How you can help?**

The project has already benefited from the input of a wide range of people with experience of the charities sector, construction, taxation, project management etc. but we need much more help if we are to bring our plans to fruition.

We particularly need volunteers who might be able to work with us in delivering our fundraising campaign. If you think you can help in this or in any other way, please e-mail John Thorpe ([jdt.brockend@btinternet.com](mailto:jdt.brockend@btinternet.com)) or Brian Fletcher ([brian.fletcher@seedservices.co.uk](mailto:brian.fletcher@seedservices.co.uk)).

## **Please participate in the consultation.**

We are also looking to all ASSC / ACC members to register their support for the project in the public consultation on 6 July. Regardless of whether you live in the Ansty and Staplefield parish, we would like you to formally register your support for the project on the consultation response form.

Further details of the design and facilities can also be found on [www.anstyvillage.org](http://www.anstyvillage.org) and [www.anstystaplefield-pc.gov.uk](http://www.anstystaplefield-pc.gov.uk) together with copies of the response form.

**Thank you for your support.**

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