PARISH COUNCIL Update

Annual Parish Meeting
March 2017

AGENDA

- 2016/2017 actions and plans
- Road Safety
- Village Hall update
- Odds and Ends
- Open Forum

2016 DPC Achievements

- Improved Communications
  - Website (DPC pages with discussion papers & minutes)
  - Monthly DPC surgeries
- Comprehensive tree survey completed
- Cemetery clean-ups with volunteer effort
- Village Hall & Brewery Field – mandate from village
- Biggen Information sign
- Millennium Garden restoration
- Cost neutral allotments

2016 DPC Achievements

- War Memorial refurbished
- Village water pumps refurbished
- Liberty, Polecat and Long Lanes resurfaced
- Telephone Box refurbished
- Bus shelters repaired – seat in Moorfield Road
- Monitoring of maintenance contracts
- General maintenance contractor employed
- Duxford Christmas lights!

2017 DPC Plans

- Greener Duxford (Brewery Field)
- Cleaner Duxford
  - Additional dog bins and litter bins
  - Organised litter picks
- Commission art-work for the village(benches/Biggen gate?)
- Treat and/or paint village woodwork
  - Refurbish or replace damaged benches
  - Refurbish village sign
- Book exchange in newly refurbished telephone box (Scouts)

2017 DPC Plans

- Cemetery – more clean-ups , improved maintenance
  - first clean-up of 2017 is April 22/23 weekend – please help
- Clean up the Biggen (remove self-seeded saplings)
- Install seat in Ickleton Road bus shelter
- Community Centre – as soon as location is agreed and approved, get cracking!
- Brewery Field (with or without the village hall):
  - create a wildlife-friendly green space for the village, with something for everyone: fitness, dog-walking, picnics, spectators, families, your ideas!
- Keep pushing for footpath to Whittlesford Station

2017 Plans

- Updated maintenance contracts
  - improved consistency
  - increased frequency of grass-cutting
- Improved management and monitoring of maintenance contracts
- Essential tree-works in line with survey
- Wildflower area – trial area on Millennium Garden
- Fewer HGVs – Hunts Rd/ St John's St. signs
- Stones to protect the war memorial from HGV traffic
- More Christmas lights!

ROAD SAFETY IN DUXFORD

ST. JOHN'S STREET

•Grant obtained to put "Unsuitable for HGVs" signs at entrances to St. Peter's St

HUNTS ROAD

•Set up Community Speed Watch group for Duxford. (Dependent on volunteers coming forward)

•Possible Flashing Speed Cameras. Cost would be at least £5000

•Approach Highways Department about 50mph limit outside village.

ST. PETER'S STREET

•Consultation between Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford and Hexcel. Signs on A1301 to deter HGVs from using Hinxton Rd.

•New separate postcode for Huntsman/ Hexcel complex and multilingual instructions to use Hunts Road/Ickleton Road for access.

•Large stones to replace bollards on War Memorial triangle

CHAPEL STREET/ MOORFIELD ROAD

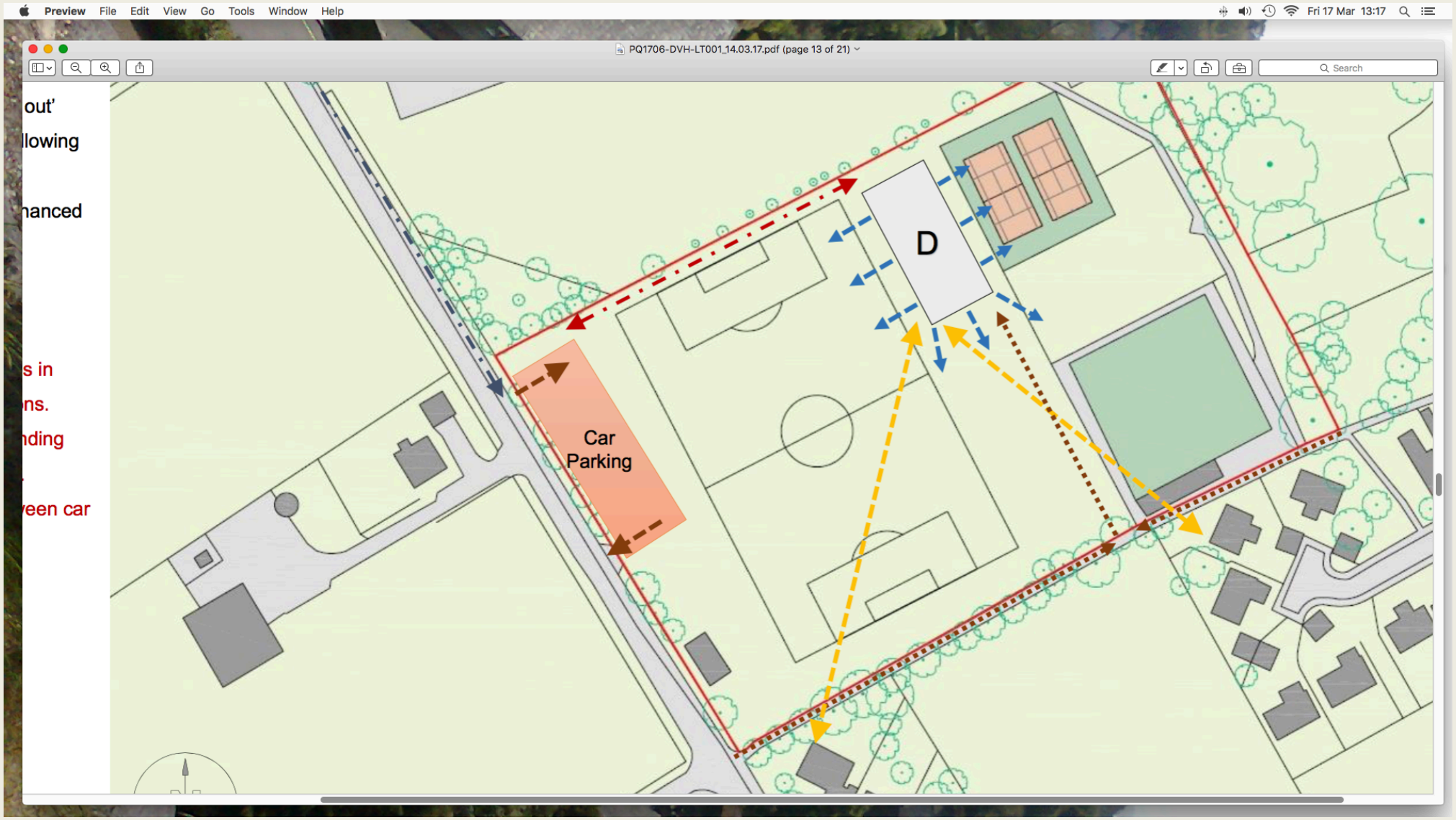
•Possible 20mph speed zone

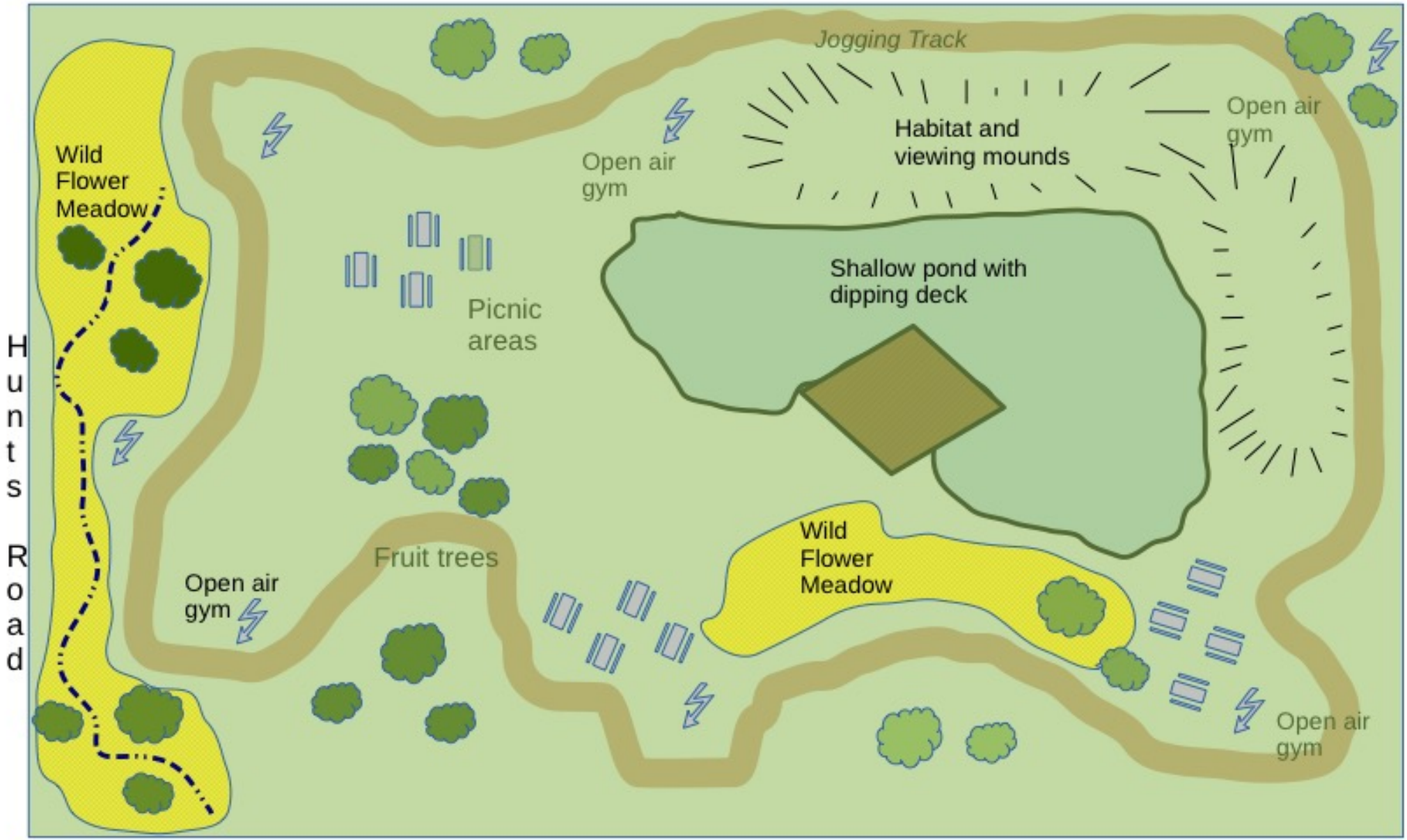
JUNCTION OF MOORFIELD ROAD WITH A505

•Nothing can be done here. Priority is keeping traffic on A505 flowing

Village Hall and Green Space Update




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*Please note this diagram represents **only a first impression** of what could be achieved on Brewery Field, should the Village Hall be sited on the Rec.*

Preference for the REC

1] The Rec is more central to the village: at the heart of the new Hall will be a comfortable, welcoming, social area where villagers can meet. Locating this on the Rec places this space more centrally, and with the inner lanes, offers closer, safer access to more residents.

2] A village hall on the Rec locates it where the current village 'action' is, and will enhance existing football, tennis, bowls and Duxplay activities.

3] Including new Changing Rooms ideally allows us to demolish and replace the existing crumbling building [which no longer satisfies Cambridge F.A. requirements], and also provides changing facilities for other village activities [eg. tennis, village drama]

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4] Parking for the Hall, will be designed to also provide a Drop-Off/Collect area at the rear of the School [to address the chaos in St. John's Street], as well as handle football match demand [and address Hunts Road congestion on a Saturday afternoon].

5] Enabling Brewery Field to be developed solely as green space with no building or car parking, opens-up greater opportunities for nature and conservation projects.

6] Finally, locating the Village Hall near existing sports facilities and focussing Brewery Field solely as developed green space, gives us best chance of maximising grant contributions from sports and environmental charities.

Views to date

- Football: very keen to upgrade their facilities with new Changing Rooms, and are very flexible should we need to narrow or rotate the pitch
- School; support the use of the Rec as it will ‘benefit the wider village community’
- Tennis: support the idea too, would love access to the social area and toilets, and ideally would want the building right alongside their courts to provide a wind-break from Westerly's!
- Bowls: have no issues [self-sufficient] but are asking for parking as near to their Green as possible

- Before any final decision is made we will be consulting South Cambs PLANNING and HIGHWAYS

Draft Architects Brief

What have we been doing to help us decide what type of hall to build that would meet the needs of residents of Duxford now and in the future

- To help us decide what we should build we have over the last four month visited some 12 village halls all shapes and sizes small and large.
- We have picked the brains of those who were involved in building and running them.
- We have also seeked advice from Architects, council officers and Landscapers all who have been involved in building village halls.
- We have also taken into account the last five years of discussions within the village
- We have a long list of does and don’ts.

The smallest and largest halls we visited

Bruisyard

(some 250 residences with no pub or other facilities) is the smallest it has a small hall a small meeting room is used nearly 7 days a week and it is the community hub of the village. It was built by denotations grants and a lot of fund raising



Manuden

It is the biggest we have seen has everything large hall, meeting rooms changing rooms you name it's got it. It was built by building houses on other land they had. Amazingly the population of Manuden is only 700



We believe the minimum we should have is
A SOCIAL AREA

able to seat 30 sitting and host 100 standing (for performance interludes etc it should feature

- Welcoming, convivial atmosphere
- Comfortable seats, flexible arrangement
- Serves great coffee, some snacks
- Views of play area
- Optional bar for functions
- Mini library
- Free Wi-Fi
- WCs
- Display area (e.g. History Society, School)







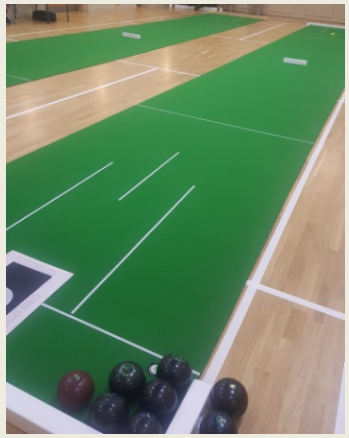
A MAIN HALL
NOT a sports hall be about 17x10 able to seat about 150 include a demountable stage

- Excellent acoustics, and equipped with amplification, lighting, projection and blackout
- Provision for concerts, film, theatre and business
- Opens onto green to allow expansion
- (Possibly) ability to split room in half, with each half functioning undisturbed by the other

ACTIVITIES:

- PERFORMANCE: Stage, dance, cinema, music, choir
- SPORT: Carpet Bowls, 5-a-side soccer, Table Tennis, Yoga, Keep Fit, Tai chi, Martial arts, Trampoline, Fencing
- PRE-SCHOOL/NURSERY/INFANT PLAY/MOTHER & BABY?
- BUSINESS: Presentation Suite
- SOCIAL: Weddings, birthdays, children's parties







A Kitchen

Commercial style

Meal preparation area for outside caterers

Ability to provide lunches for over 60 club

cookery classes







A Meeting Room

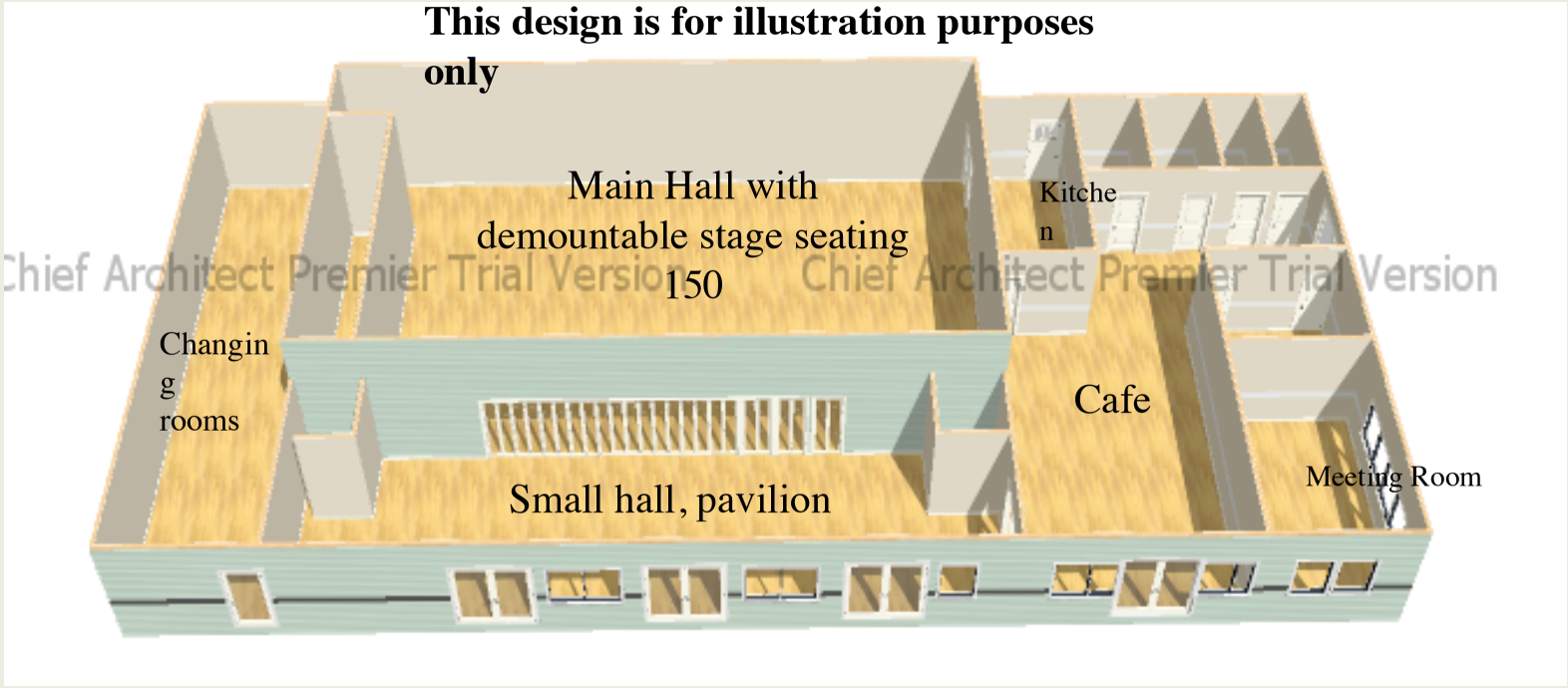


Clubs meeting room
Small business meeting
Clerks office
Small gatherings
Could be opened up to the social area for
Hobbies such as bridge, whist drives small parties

These we think are the minimum requirements to meet Duxford's needs

If it was decided to place the Hall on the Sports field then we could replace our present outdated changing rooms with FA approved sized changing rooms, showers and referees rooms with its own access to the outside and access to the hall for the benefit of all.

This design is for illustration purposes only



We could also have a Mid size hall/Pavillion

looking over the rec operation independently to the main hall Providing for:

- PRE-SCHOOL/SUMMER SCHOOL/NURSERY/INFANT PLAY/MOTHER&BABY?
- Youth Club
- Parish Council Meetings?
- SPORT: Yoga, Keep Fit, Tai chi, Martial arts
- PERFORMANCE: Rehearsal space
- CREATIVE: Art, photo
- BUSINESS: Workshop space
- SOCIAL: Weddings, birthdays, children's parties

YOU VIEWS COUNT

Your views count and we would appreciate any comments you care to make either via our website: www.duxfordvillage.com

by email: clerk@duxfprdvillage.com

Or come to any of our council workshops and talk to us

ODDS and ENDS

- Consider joining NEXTDOOR

  nextdoor.co.uk
- Parish Council ‘Surgery’

  1st Saturday each month/Laceys Way

  10:30-11:30am
- Join your Council !