

East Budleigh Public Toilets / Car Park

Existing Public Toilet facilities

- Open 24 hours, 365 days of the year.
- Used by visitors, walkers, tradesmen, postman as well as locals.
- Gents urinal, disabled closet and hand washing facilities.
- Ladies closet and disabled closet and hand washing facilities.
- Cold water hand washing only. Hot water heating was ceased about 4 years ago as it was expensive to maintain.
- Lighting
- Adjacent to public carpark and display board.
- Potentially visible by a dozen or so houses at all times (deter vandalism).

Costs

- Cleaned 3 days per week at a cost of around £3,250 pa.
- Other planned costs (rates / electricity / paper towels / waste disposal at around £1,750 pa.
- Unplanned costs (repairs) variable, but allow £850 pa.

Considerations of potential replacement by village hall redevelopment

- Consultation with residents required.
- Legal considerations (covenants etc) checked.
- Facilities similar to the existing public toilets with external access
- Open all hours?
- Security considerations – to discourage vandalism, drug and/or other anti-social meeting venue activity.
- Signage from car park.
- Cleaning probably of a different nature and scale to existing hall facilities.
- Loss of conveniences in the public car park area balanced against gain of a facility in the shop / play area / information point.
- Would public toilets in the hall mean the shop / hall car park effectively becomes a public car park and would it be any different than current hall car park use? The recent Tesla WhatsApp may be a pointer.
- Would the hall cover any additional ongoing costs through its normal income stream? The Parish Council raises its funds through the precept, but if the hall required ongoing subsidy from the Parish Council for this facility, then the ability to do this from the precept would need to be legally checked and be by the agreement of the residents.

Benefits for Parish Council

- Cost of demolition, termination of utilities and making good.
- Potential ongoing revenue cost savings of around £6,000 pa, but see above.
- Space could be re-used (public consultation) e.g. Bike shelter, electric vehicle charging point, additional parking.

Other related consideration

- Has the Hall got any plans for electric vehicle charge points in the hall car park?