

## **Report to Holford Parish Council - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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### **Completion Date - now likely to be 31<sup>st</sup> May**

We knew by mid-April that the target of a May 3rd completion wasn't going to happen. This delay has been caused by a combination of factors, mostly weather-related, but also by a delay in the manufacture of the toilet cubicles. It now looks likely that the handover will be 31<sup>st</sup> May, with 'snagging' to be completed in June.

### **Car Park - a short delay**

The new overflow car park has been seeded and the grass is growing well. A decision on when to open it to the public will be made in coming weeks.

The main car park is being enlarged to provide more car parking / turning spaces, including two disabled bays. It became clear during April, however, that we had insufficient funds because a sub layer must now be installed in some areas before the tarmac can be laid. This is an unplanned additional expenditure - and one that could take us beyond the limit of our contingency funds (costed on a commercial basis). Completion of the car park is now deferred until July, when we will use a combination of local volunteers and professional tarmac layers to complete the work.

### **Viridor Credit funded items**

Almost all the items funded by the Viridor Credit grant have now been fitted, such as the insulation, windows, doors, air source heat pump, with just a few minor items awaiting installation. The Parish Council's supporting grant of £10,000 will, very soon, have been totally drawn upon by Viridor. The Hall Committee would like to reiterate its thanks for the Parish Council's support. It is very much appreciated.

### **Accessibility**

We will be a 'Dementia Friendly' Hall with skirting boards and architraves of a darker colour, and walls / doors a lighter colour. Toilet doors will be yellow. Special internal signage is also planned. The colour scheme will also assist those with restricted vision. All entrances and rooms will also meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

### **Hallmaster Booking System**

Availability of the Main Hall and the 'Fairfield' Meeting Room can be checked on the new Hall website [www.holfordvillagehall.org/availability/](http://www.holfordvillagehall.org/availability/) where enquirers can also request a booking via the online Hallmaster system.

From June onwards we look forward to welcoming back our regular users - especially the Parish Council - and keenly anticipate attracting new hirers. An Open Day for the village is planned: now possibly Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June (previously 1<sup>st</sup> June)

**Alan Falkingham - Chair**

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