



DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT
BURSTALL VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall, Ipswich IP8 3DR

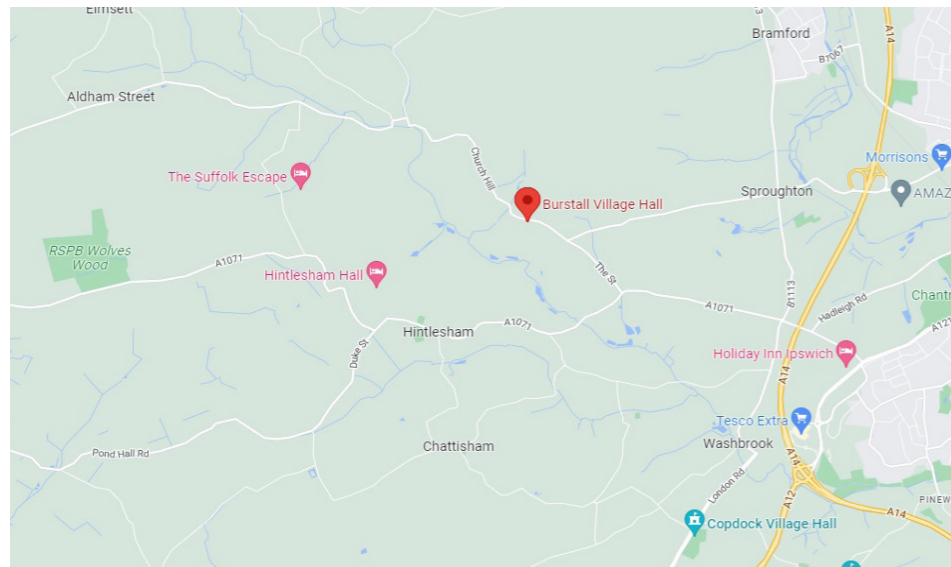
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Burstall Village Hall is located in Burstall. A village and civil parish in Suffolk, England. Located around 4 miles (6 km) west of Ipswich, it is part of Babergh district. The parish includes the hamlet of Burstallhill. Recorded in the Domesday Book as Burgestala / Burghestala.

The south-western boundary of the parish is delineated by Belstead Brook, a tributary of the River Orwell. The A1071 between Ipswich and Hadleigh crosses Belstead Brook at Burstall Bridge.



Location Plan



Ariel Plan



2.0 THE BUILDING

Burstall Village Hall is an exceptional Tudor style building constructed just over 100 years ago, an endowment from Lillian Cranfield in memory of her husband who founded Cranfield Mills of Ipswich.

As Burstall now has neither a pub nor a shop, the Hall is the centre of village life and is the venue for a flourishing Carpet Bowls Club, the WI, and a monthly cheese and soup lunch, all of which welcome visitors.

The hall also forms part the backdrop to Burstall's Annual Flower Show and Fete which began in 1954 and is now on its 63rd year.

3.0 APPEARANCE

Burstall Village Hall was built in 1910 and consists of brickwork and a timber framed with a poor quality rear extension for the toilet block added much later.



Rear Elevation photographs of Burstall Village Hall

4.0 PRINCIPLES

It is proposed to make minor improvements to Burstall Village Hall.

These alterations include a new extension to the rear of the existing kitchen with boarding/render to match existing hall. This will improve the existing cooking facilities and will improve the building linking to the marquees for the monthly festivities.

The toilet block will also be updated with internal stud walls to be removed. New walls are to be built to create a new more use-able and practical layout.

The flat roof is proposed to be removed and replaced with pitched hipped end roof, tiled to match existing hall. The upper section of brickwork would be over clad with boarding/render to match existing hall.

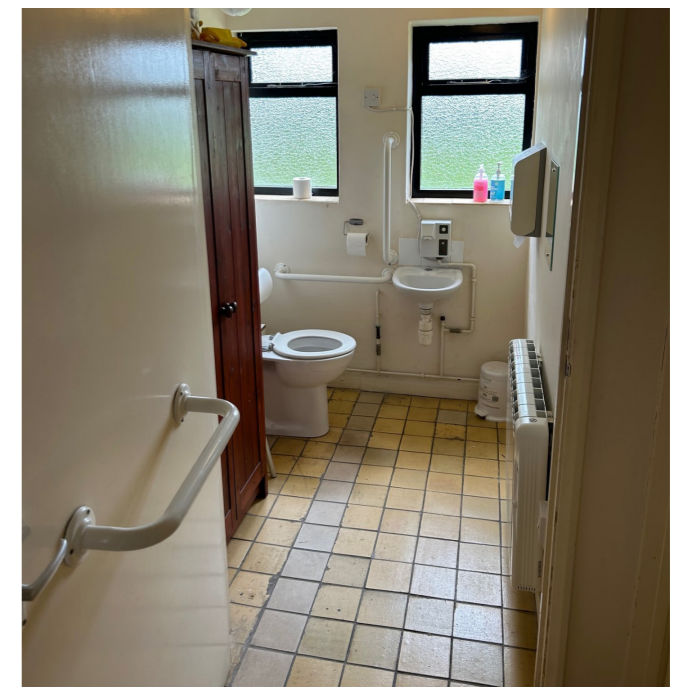
It is proposed that these improvements will secure the future of the village hall, and upgrade its facilities and make it an easier building to use and maintain for the community of Burstall.



Existing Kitchen



Existing WC's



5.0 JUSTIFICATION

Burstall has had the public house closed in 1968 and the Post office closed in 2006 making the Village hall the last remaining public amenity for the village.

As such these proposed works would bring life to a building that is in much need of updating. The proposed alterations are modest and will have minimal impact on the character and setting of the building and are sympathetic to the surroundings in accordance with Policy CN01 and CS15.

Access to the site is off the Church Hill and the existing vehicle and pedestrian accesses will be maintained as existing.



6.0 CONCLUSION

In the context of the above assessment, it is considered that the proposals will upgrade the existing Hall with high quality design. The refurbishment work will be done sensitively and dramatically enhance both the internal layout and external features of the Hall.

The details and finishes, both inside and out, will be of an exceptionally high standard and will allow somewhat tired areas of the hall to be revived to suit the needs of the community.

The proposals have been carefully considered and designed in accordance with Council's guidance and policy. The proposed scheme sensitively and comprehensively restores the architectural coherence and character of Burstall Village Hall. The proposals have no harmful impact to the amenity of neighbouring properties in respect to daylight, sunlight, overlooking or privacy.