

APPENDIX I

Descriptive notes to accompany Agenda Item for Improvements etc to the Town Hall.

A Proposal by Councillor Ian Wellings

THE TOWN HALL

Proposed alterations and Improvements

The undisputed centre piece of our Town, which is the most photographed , most talked about by visitors , iconic in its character and position and held in affection by locals is undoubtedly - The Town Hall.

It is our 'Jewel in Crown' (sorry Wetherspoons this is the original) which IMO is not fulfilling its potential as a Civic Centre, Community Base or Special Occasion Venue.

When the up coming Surveys are available and with the setting up of a Working Group it will be possible to examine and comment on possible alterations and improvements prior to the cost of engagement of building professionals.

Bullet points for consideration –

- Installation of a Lift (not a stair lift)
- Installation of Less able persons Facilities
- Toilets
- Galley Kitchen
- Investigate additional 'income stream' opportunities

Other considerations could include revival of the Council Chamber for Meetings, The Ante Room for Committee and similar meetings (releasing the Annexe for more Public use).

The installation of Less Able Persons facilities (if feasible) would increase the hire out potential for Weddings and other Special Occasions.

Lottery funding may be available for this project.

Case History

Lottery funding provided to Penkridge Parish Council

To make the Parish Hall in Penkridge, South Staffordshire, more accessible to people with impairments or disabilities. The grant will pay towards toilet conversion, a door entry system, hearing loops, ramps, handles, signs, rails and disabled entrance work.