



## Update – December 2016

As 2016 draws to a close and 2017 approaches it's a good time to review what we have achieved and look forward to the challenges ahead. Our project is now in its third year and we have come a long way since our first beginnings in November 2014. **So, what have we achieved?**

We have:

Consulted widely through a questionnaire, open days, a forum, Facebook and a dedicated website.

Agreed a [design](#), following feedback from the village, and appointed architects

Completed initial archaeological and ecological surveys

Obtained £55,000 in grants and donations

Appointed consultants to advise in planning, energy, mechanical and electrical issues.

Initiated consultation with more than 50 external agencies

Achieved designation of the [Neighbourhood Area](#) for the referendum

Opened a dialogue with Wiltshire Council for advice and support

It's taken a lot of work to get to this stage but there is still a lot to do. At the moment we are busy drafting our bid document to achieve our Community Right to Build Order (CRTBO). You can find out more about the CRTBO process [HERE](#) and if you would like to see what one of these bid documents looks like you can see one [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

Where do we go next? This is the **sequence of events** from now:

The CRTBO bid document is submitted to Wiltshire Council.

Wiltshire Council publicise the CRTBO and consult certain national bodies

An independent assessor is appointed to confirm compliance with the legislation

Wiltshire Council conduct a referendum in the village to decide on the plan

If the referendum approves the plan, permission to build is deemed to have been granted and the project can proceed

Of course, the next question is '**How long will all this take?**'. Well, we hope to have finalised our bid document by the end of March, but after that the timeline is out of our control. We expect the council's review and consultation process to take perhaps a couple of months, as will the assessor's evaluation. Arranging the referendum will also take time as the process and formality is exactly the same as it would be for a local or general election. So, our best guess is for a referendum to be held towards the end of 2017 at the earliest, but that could easily slip.

So that is where we are at the moment. There's a lot going on, a lot still to do, and we haven't even mentioned the need to raise the funds to build the new hall! We will keep the updates coming and do [contact us](#) if you would like to be involved in the project.