

“Back our Bid” to provide a community centre

As part of Norfolk County Council’s programme of service changes the old Elementary School Building on School Lane, Sprowston will be decommissioned on 31 August 2011.

There is no doubt that Sprowston has long been in need of a community centre and this building offers a wonderful opportunity for the Parish as it already has numerous rooms, large car park and adjacent playing field, which could be used for a range of activities by individuals and local groups.

We feel that the Parish Council, as a community organisation, is best placed to manage facilities in Sprowston and with this in mind the Council has submitted an expression of interest in this building and adjoining field. We now need to put forward a detailed business plan to Norfolk County Council for consideration, which must demonstrate that we have consulted with residents to gain their views, and if there is support in the community for such a venture.

We are currently preparing this document and would ask you to “Back our Bid” by letting us know your views, either via email, telephone, in person at the Council Office or alternatively by completing and returning the questionnaire overleaf. We are interested in what future use your family or community group could make of this venue. We will have a stand at our fete on 18 June 2011, come and see us to discuss this further and take the opportunity to return your completed form (printed overleaf).

If we don’t act now we will lose this rare opportunity to obtain a building with so much potential for community use and of such historic interest.



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Community Facilities Consultation

1. What do you think could be done to improve social and community relations in the parish?

2. Do you feel there are adequate community facilities in Sprowston? Yes No

3. Do you support proposals put forward by Sprowston Parish Council to retain the Old School Building on School Lane and utilise it for community use? Yes No

4. What activities and/or facilities would you like to see provided?

5. Would you be willing to volunteer your time or services in any way? Yes No
If yes please specify:

Contact details (optional)

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Representing (if applicable) _____ (organisation))

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Please return it to Council Offices, Recreation Ground Road, Sprowston, NR7 8EW.