

Villagers look at ways to preserve its hall

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Residents in Shutford are urging people to come and have their say on plans to update their village hall as they fight to preserve its future.

The building was built in the 1950s but is starting to show its age, so the village hall committee is looking to bring it in to the 21st Century.

They had initially expressed an interest in talking to the parish council about a public works loan but with opinion in the village now divided, chairman of the committee Roger Bancroft wants to use the meeting next Thursday, February 4, to alleviate concerns.

He said: "We only have a pub in the village and have recently lost our post office.

"The village hall is unfortunately past its best before date as it was built to last about 20



Residents in the village outside its ageing village hall are concerned for its future

years so any money used to make any renovations would be wasted. We need a new building.

"This meeting will be to alleviate any concerns people might have and to let them

know what we are planning and reassure them. Without additional funding, its future is in doubt."

Mr Bancroft added that coupled with the £100,000 the committee already have

in pledges from benefactors, a public works loan would have fully covered the re-building costs. This kind of loan is given to public bodies by the National Loans Board.

The meeting is at 7.30pm.