

Cherry Orchard in Church Lane, Monk Fryston, which might be the site of the village's future community centre.



## HALL WANTED NOW SAYS 2-VILLAGE MEETING AT MONK FRYSTON

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MONK FRYSTON and HILLAM people ARE interested in getting quickly a village hall-cum-community centre. A villagers' meeting on Tuesday unanimously decided that a village "centre" was greatly needed.

Mr C. Earless presided over the meeting (whose purpose was given in last week's "Express") and a provisional village hall committee was elected.

### Grant possible

The meeting elected a secretary (Mrs P. Roebuck), and the committee comprises Mesdames R. E. Neville, K. Smailes, A. Lupton, A. Wilson, P. Sharpe and F. Pickup, and Messrs L. Kelsey, T. Hudson, J. Woodhead, R. N. Batty, L. Drury and T. Kelsey.

Yorkshire Rural Community Council Secretary (Group Captain G. G. Robinson), said that providing they were going to go all the way with plans, planning permission, and ground work, there was every possibility of a 50 per cent County Council grant.

Mr Earless told the meeting that the plans would have to

satisfy authorities on several points.

Mr Leach said that the Cherry Orchard site was in the hands of trustees—of whom he was one. This body could be brought up to date, and if the ground, planning-wise, was considered suitable, there was no reason why it should not be used.

### Site and expense

The land was bought many years ago with money provided by the Monk Fryston Welfare Committee.

Mr Earless said much money would have to be spent on the site before building could begin.

Mr Batty declared: "We don't want the hall in five years, we want it as soon as possible."

Later the committee met to consider further some of the problems. Their next meeting will be on May 24.

## TWO-VILLAGE MEETING ON JOINT HALL QUEST

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DO Monk Fryston and Hillam villagers want a joint community centre? This is what they will be asked on Tuesday at a village meeting.

For many years some villages' have tried for just this.

### A SITE EXISTS

A few months ago Monk Fryston and Hillam Youth Group Management Committee were asked if a meeting to put the question could be arranged, and gauge if interest was enough to get premises.

Most Management Committee members belong to Monk Fryston Ladies' Development Association who have been without a "home" since premises lent to them were sold.

Prominent in arranging the meeting, Chairman of the Youth Management Committee and a Parish Church Councillor (Mr R. N. Batty) says the Development Association has raised much money by bingo sessions, and most of it provided prize money for the Youth Group's annual sports and the Youth Group needs.

The proposed new hall would be non-sectarian and for all the villagers — quite separate from the Parish Church Hall which it is hoped soon to build as reported in the March 30 issue of "The Express".

Mr Batty recalled that during the second World War a Monk Fryston Welfare Association was formed to build a hall.

With money they had raised in 1954 was bought from Osgoldcross Rural Council a site, "Cherry Orchard," in Church Lane.

A condition of sale was use for nothing else but a village hall. The site was put in the hands of trustees, but unfortunately the Welfare Committee had not functioned for several years. With sufficient village support the hope is to set up a new committee to which the trustees could hand over the site.

### INEXPENSIVE START?

Mr Batty said it was felt that at present the two villages were not yet ready to spend five or six thousand pounds on a community centre but the general idea is to make, with permission, a start on building a temporary, inexpensive, structure.

The Vicar of Monk Fryston and Hillam (the Rev W. J. Lowry) said the proposed community centre would not clash with the new church hall which was primarily for church purposes.