

Village Hall Modernisation Working Group

Notes of Meeting 17th June 2025



Attendees:

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| • Cllr Ivor French | Wickham Market Parish Council Chairperson |
| • Al Besley | Clerk Wickham Market Parish Council |
| • Sue French | Wickham Market Village Hall Trustee & VH Treasurer |
| • Cllr John Horsnell | Wickham Market Parish Council |
| • Steve Flavell | Wickham Market Village Hall Trustee |
| • Stuart Gunn | Wickham Market Village Hall Trustee |

Apologies

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| • Cllr David Chenery | Wickham Market Parish Council Vice Chair |
| • Clive Edmonds | Wickham Market Village Hall Trustee & Treasurer |
| • Cllr Sally Noble | ESC Councillor for Wickham Market Ward |
| • Sam Kenward | Communities officer for Communities, Framlingham, Wickham Market, Kelsale and Yoxford and surrounding villages |

Chair advised village hall modernisation organisation health check was completed and issued to (CAS) Community Action Suffolk

Clive E was not available to attend meeting, Chair advised Survey Monkey Questionnaire on Sizewell C Construction Community Impact Study this survey/questionnaire would close on 30th June 2025 with summary on numbers completing on-line survey and feedback will be issued to Chair for review

University of Suffolk Community Impact Study by Dr Dogaru

Chair and Stuart G attended meeting with Dr Dogaru at Suffolk University on the 28th May 2025 to discuss any information or data collected by the University Team on the Impact of Sizewell C on local communities that could be helpful to modernisation Working Group when completing our revised SZC grant application

Unfortunately, no data or information could be released until their survey study was published and issued to Sizewell C sometime in late June 2025

Ivor F advised meeting that residents were fed-up with surveys and just wanted the hall modernisation works to commence

Chair advised without funding from SZC Community Foundation there is insufficient funding to commence hall modernisation works based on current concept design schemes

Summer Market 21st June 2025

Chair advised meeting that he would attend summer market to promote community support for our priority grant application for hall modernisation by obtaining signatures in support of the project

Grant Funding Opportunities

Chair previously issued details of two possible funding opportunities

June 2025 Acre Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Grants from £7,500 to £75,000 grants were available to CIO Charities or Sole Trustees further research will be undertaken by Working Group

East Suffolk Council – Grant Lifeline for Community Buildings Upgrades Improvements & Essential Repairs applications open from 04th June to 16th September 2025 further research will be undertaken by Working Group

Village Hall Management Business Plan June 2025

Draft VH management business plan was reviewed and discussed members agreed amendments were needed and all would issue their comments asap for chair to finalise business plan document

Clerk advised that the VH Management Business Plan and project cost plan associated with future village hall modernisation will need to be presented to the Committee then to Full Parish Council for approval

Village Hall Modernisation QS Cost Plan Dated 05th March 2025 £1,258,000

Based upon further feed-back from Sizewell C Project Team who advised that should grant funding be awarded to village hall modernisation this would be based upon the project being fully funded with the application amount from SZC Community Foundation

SZC advised the maximum amount awarded to date was approximately £220,000 Stuart G and Chair would review project cost plan

Sizewell C Community Funding Awards

Chair would research Sizewell C Community Funding Awards for Community Projects with funding amounts awarded to date

Next Meeting Scheduled 22nd July 2025 6pm to 8pm in VH Committee Room