

Annual Parish Meeting

Friday 11th April 2025



Earliest Predicted Project Start Date Summer 2025 Subject to Securing Funding

***Village Hall Modernisation QS Cost Plan Estimates 05th March 2025
£1,258,000 Based on Current Architects Concept Design Schemes***

Village Hall Modernisation Progress Report

Architects concept design plans and vision for modernised village hall are posted on PC web site also plans are available for review and inspection in foyer at village hall we welcome your comments and interaction (**contact john.h@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk**)

SZC Community Foundation Grants Team recommended we substantiate our schedule of budget prices we provided with our grant application of £600K submitted in December 2024 and requested additional support documentation and clarification on details submitted in the grant application process

We acted upon this advice and engaged our QS to provide a detailed cost plan costed against the current Architects modernisation concept design plans project cost figure as detailed above heading

Good news in 2024 we were successful in receiving £500K of District CIL Infrastructure Levey Funding on condition of modernisation works must be commences within 3 years of award

Modernisation Committee, Village Hall Trustees and Parish Clerk have worked hard in applying for several grants including National Lottery Fund in the past year but unfortunately to date without success we continue to explore every grant opportunity

SZC Grant Funding Team recommended we contact (CAS) Community Action Suffolk to gain their support and advice with grant presentation, again we acted upon SZC recommendations and subsequently had 2 very successful Teams meetings with CAS who provided extremely helpful advice

SZC Grants Team and CAS recommended due to amount of additional detail requested we submit our Re-Grant application by **20th July 2025** for this round of funding reviews

SZC Grants Team and CAS recommend we engage with Wickham Market to consider which Grant applications were priority to the community as there were several grants either being considered or parties or organisations showing/completing pre-application notification of interest to SZC grants Team

SZC Grant Team advise WM grants should be scheduled and prioritised to fit in best with funding rounds

<u>SZC Grant Application Funding Rounds</u>		<u>(WM SZC Authors Grant Project Priority)</u>
20 th April 2025	Wickham Market	Partnership Re-Surface Tennis Court
20 th July 2025	Wickham Market	Village Hall Modernisation
19 th October 2025	Wickham Market	Other Worthy Projects

Priority for Modernisation Team now is to complete the SZC £600K Re-Grant application together with all support documentation and issue to Sizewell C Community Foundation Grants Team by the agreed date with all necessary professional assistance to ensure best possible chance of success

Modernisation Committee must be prepared should we not receive full funding requested from SZC Funding Panel the committee will should consider all options of a reduced scope of hall modernisation based upon current funding available

Modernisation Funds available prior to any SZC grant award is approximately £600K

We await final notification from SZC Community Foundation Awards Panel on our grant application and any funding granted towards a modernised hall prior to decisions on detail or scope that can be achieved with the collective total of funds for village hall project

Recent Questionnaires and surveys carried out involving VH User Groups local residence and surrounding villages show overwhelmingly the need for a modern village hall and numbers supporting the proposed Architects Concept Design Plans

Community groups including WM Partnership, WI, Pettistree PC and residence have pledged financial support for a modernised village hall should you wish to donate towards the cost for modernising village hall please contact John.h@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk

THE GEORGE INN Team is supporting the VH modernisation project and may share future Events Community Coordinator to organise events that brings people together

Village Hall Traffic Route Through Long Stay Car Park feasibility was discussed with ESC Parking officer in December 2024 but ESC has not responded to our corresponds therefore we believe ESC do not wish to engage further on any possible options at this time

UK Power Network have contacted the Parish Council Clerk as they have carried out preliminary site surveys on overhead power supply cables feeding village hall and Men in Sheds portacabins and categorised re-routing power cables underground as safety priority to date we have no time-scales for this essential works

Village Hall Volunteering

If you are interested in Volunteering for various rolls for the modernisation of village hall, please contact John.h@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk

Village Hall Modernisation
Councillor
John Horsnell
08th April 2025