

Full Parish Council Meeting

15th September 2025

Village Hall Modernisation Project

Report for Councillors

SZC Community Foundation Grant Funding application towards the village hall modernisation project was submitted on 18th July 2025

Received update from SZC grant funding project manager Sarah Mortimer on 13th August 2025 as follows. The Panel will meet in September and applicants will be contacted late September/early October with the outcome

Hall modernisation group continue to explore all avenues of funding opportunities and financial support for user groups and community activities using a modernised hall that meet the criteria of each funding organisations profile for village halls

Village hall modernisation group have not submitted any further grant applications to date

In preparation of receiving SZC funding award panel's decision on our grant application we have sent out provisional enquiries to key professionals required to support the hall modernisation project for competitive Tendering enabling the group to review costing for professional fees for the upfront elements of specialised design enabling the projected to have the earliest possible start date should we receive the full funding in our grant application

We have been reviewing and selecting main building contractors from recommendations received who may be suitable for Tendering for hall modernisation works as a turn key project

We have received quotations from specialised contractors for PV Solar panels & heating and ventilations options; final designs must be reviewed by appointed M & E designers before cost can be finalised

A list of potential M & E sub-contractors has been produced who may be suitable for Tendering for certain specific elements of works subject to final design of hall modernisation

All prices received will be subject to review by modernisation committee and must comply with Parish Councils regulations and procedures for value for money etc and contractors' suitability for specialised areas of works involved and who will meet the project completion timing requirements

Next Steps

Planning for hall closure will be discussed at next committee and working group meetings
Village Hall CIO Management and Parish Council will provide as much notice as possible to all user and community groups of any pending hall closure for modernisation works

Cllr John Horsnell
04th September 2025