

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: Cllr IVOR FRENCH

MINUTES of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council held on
Thursday 17 July 2025 at 19:00



FC25:44 Present from the Council: Cllr I French (Chair) Cllr S French A Besly (Clerk)
Cllr Chenery Cllr Horsnell
Cllr Day Cllr Jenkinson

FC25:45 Present from the Public: None

FC25:46 Open Public Forum session (2 minutes per person): None

FC25:47 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Dempsey-Gray.

FC25:48 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None

FC25:49 Proposal to approve the Village Hall Modernisation Management Business Plan

There was a question regarding the phased modernisation and the lower value of the grant application.

Councillor Horsnell explained that our professional fundraiser, Castlevue Charitable Services, have a good track record of success with grant applications from the Sizewell C community fund. They have advised that our grant application should be within the general ballpark value of grants that have already been made from Sizewell C community fund for the best opportunity for success.

In addition to this it was advised that the Sizewell C community fund grant is likely only to be made if this completes the funding for the project that it is applying for it.

As a result the modernisation programme was adjusted so that phase one comprises the complete modernisation and floor plan adjustment of the village hall which will result in a fully functional Village Hall. This results in a lower initial funding requirements but also enables the Parish Council to make subsequent grant applications for additional work on the village hall and the car park to funding providers including future rounds of the Sizewell C community fund.

It was proposed that the Village Hall Modernisation Management Business Plan be approved. **All Agreed**

FC25:50 Date of next meeting: Monday 21 July 2025

FC25:51 Proposal to exclude the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) act 1960, s1(2) for reasons of commercial sensitivity. **All Agreed**

FC25:52 Proposal to approve Phase One Village Hall Modernisation Cost Plan Estimate for Sizewell C Community Foundation Grant. **All Agreed**