

## Village Hall Modernisation Project

### Modernisation Committee

Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> July 2025

#### Chairs Report

Hall modernisation working group and committee have spent considerable amount of time researching for suitable funding opportunities and completing pre applications for grant funding but to date we have not been able to secure any further funding from grant funders that are specific to village halls but we shall continue to explore every possibility for more funding for the project

Committee member has attended recent funding network events and village Hall Building Conference to ensure we do not miss any funding opportunities. We receive all latest newsletters from Funding 4 Suffolk, Community Action Suffolk Village Halls and Community Buildings and updates from ESC Sam Kenwood

All communities in the East of Suffolk receive Sizewell C Community Newsletters with up-dates on various phases of Sizewell C Construction works affecting Towns and Villages in our area

Sizewell C Publicises Groups benefiting from the £23M of Community Foundation Funding for community projects which vary from £7,000 to £220,000 detailed in their latest newsletters **funding awards sections attached**

Parish Council Sizewell C Community Foundation Grant Application is in the final stages of completion providing further support documentation with evidence of the Impact affecting Wickham Market and the community need for a modernised village hall our application will be submitted prior to closing date of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 supported by the latest feedback from Sizewell C Community Foundation Funding Project Team on community projects funding expectations and our Professional Grant Funding grant document collator

Working Group have spent considerable time reviewing modernisation project estimate cost plan and concept drawings with Quantity Surveyor to ensure best options are considered giving the project best possible chance of receiving SZC Grant Funding to commence works in early spring of 2026

Modernisation group has focused on providing survey evidence to grant funders how the impact of Sizewell C Construction works will have/having on Wickham Markets Community, Services, Infrastructure and the **Need** for a modernised village hall

We have received overwhelming support from community organisations hall user groups local residence and general public during the course of our surveys, polls and questionnaires for our priority grant application and the need of a modernised village hall details of survey carried below

### **Survey Monkey Questionnaire 01<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Community Impact Study on Effects on Wickham Market and surrounding villages by Construction of Sizewell C Project

### **Questionnaire Survey Polls January to June 2025**

Hall Community User Groups & Residents

Could you identify issues affecting people living in and/or visitors to Wickham Market

### **Questionnaire/Survey Summer Market 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

Village Hall Modernisation Project Priority Community Support for SZC foundation grant application 20th July Round of Funding Awards

We have received on-going support from ESC Sam Kenwood Communities Officer for Wickham Market and surrounding villages who has provided the opportunity to attend several **Be Well Bus Events** in the village to present the Hall concept design drawings and to carry out surveys for support for the Hall modernisation project

Wickham Market Gardening Club has very kindly Donated **£300.00** towards the village hall modernisation project payable to the Parish Council this demonstrates community support for the project

Councillor John Horsnell

04<sup>th</sup> July 2025