

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: Cllr IVOR FRENCH

VILLAGE HALL MODERNISATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Cllr JOHN HORSNELL



MINUTES of the meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council Village Hall Modernisation Committee held on Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 18:00

- VHM24: 1 **Present from the Council** Cllr Horsnell (Chair) Mr S Flavel
Cllr Chenery Mrs S French
Cllr French Mr S Gunn
A. Besly (Clerk)
- VHM24: 2 **Present from the Public** None
- VHM24: 3 **Open Public Forum session** None
- VHM24: 4 **Apologies for Absence:** Mr C Edmonds. Cllr Creasey was not present but offered no apology
- VHM24: 5 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda:** None
- VHM24: 6 **Chair's Report:** *Published* There were no Questions
- VHM24: 7 **Proposal to create a Working Group** to explore options and make recommendations to the Committee. **All Agreed.** The working Group will consist of all Committee members and provide a discursive forum to develop options and proposals to bring to the Committee or the Full Council as appropriate. It will meet monthly in between Committee meetings.
- VHM24: 8 **Proposal to approve payment £850** to Richard Sewell – Quantity Surveyor *Published All Agreed.* The Village Hall Modernisation fund will contribute 50% of this cost.
- VHM24: 9 **Community Action Suffolk (CAS) feed-back** on Sizewell C (SZC) Community Foundation Grant Application and support package recommended by SZC review Panel. *Published* Update: CAS have offered a zoom call next week. Cllr Horsnell to organise.
- VHM24: 10 **Review of current funding opportunities** open to Parish Council & VH CIO Trustees: *Published* It was agreed that the current focus should be on the Sizewell C application. It was considered that smaller grants would be considered more favourably if they were earmarked for specific elements of the project. The Working Group will review progress in more detail.
- VHM24: 11 **Consider options for reduced scope** of works for VH modernisation based on current funding: *Published* It was proposed to study this to provide a better view of priorities when the Quantity Surveyor's Report is available. Stuart Gunn will consider some options and ideas to discuss at the Working Group together with investigation loan funding.
- VHM24: 12 **Agree Public engagement** on Village Hall Modernisation. It was agreed that public engagement for the project will include:
- The Be Well Bus on 13 February
 - Information on Round Robin and Social Media
 - A display at the Library
 - Engagement at the Spring Market on 29 March
- VHM24: 13 **Review option of** Traffic route through long stay car park East Suffolk Council (ESC) Anne Parker Meeting Up Date: *Published* This is still at the feasibility stage with options being explored.
- VHM24: 14 **Reporting items for the next meeting**
Invite the George to the March Working Group to help improve the Sizewell C grant application.
Consider using BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) to improve sustainability
- VHM24: 15 **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 4 March 2025

Meeting closed 19:00

Signed.

Cllr John Horsnell, Chair.

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