



Village Hall Modernisation Project

Update Report for Councillors

PC Meeting 18th November 2024

Moving on from the fantastic news of the Award of £500K from ESC District CIL Infrastructure Levy Panel on 03rd September 2024 for funding towards Modernisation of Village Hall, Joint Working Group Team hope to build on this success of secured funding from our grant application submitted to Sizewell C Community Foundation for further substantial funding

Sizewell C Community Foundation Grant funding panel are currently reviewing all applications and we hope to receive positive news of our funding application very soon

Unfortunately, we were notified that our application to the National Lottery Stage 1 funding was not successful during this round of funding allocation

Village Hall Working Group Team comprising of members of Parish Council and Village Hall CIO Trustees are a very motivated group bringing together individuals skill-sets working extremely hard to secure further funding from organisations and sources by reviewing each grant fund criteria and completing detailed fund applications including budget costings and business plans to each individual funding organisation such as (CAS) Community Action Suffolk, Rural Community Hub-Grant, Energy Saving Trust with many more being reviewed

Working Group Team continue to explore all avenues of grant funding sources to secure the balance of funding needed to commence village hall modernisation project based on current concept design plans

Current funds secured is less than **HALF** of the Project Forecast Budgets needed to commence village hall modernisation works or engage an Architect to commence full design plans

ESC planning officer provided a very positive response of support upon reviewing our Pre-Planning application for village hall modernisation concept design plans submitted

Traffic concept plans have been developed for Two Way West Access Route as existing to Football Club and adjacent public parking area to access playing field these plans are now posted in Village Hall and notice boards for public viewing and comment

Village Hall car parking still remains a frustration to village hall user groups who find difficulty in parking when visiting village hall organised events many cars parked by members of the public are not using village hall facilities, children's play area or recreation field green space and are also parking on playing field as an overspill parking area this site for parking is not sanctioned or endorsed and is causing damage to playing field grassed area

Cllr John Horsnell

10th November 2024