

CLOSED SESSION

**MINUTES OF WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 2nd April 2013 AT 7.30PM
WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr R Stone (Chairman)
Cllrs D Adams, J Gore, J Head, A Parnell and K Savage
Mrs S Egglesden (Clerk)

	ACTION
<p>Village Hall</p> <p>The Chairman advised that following the Village Hall Steering Group Meeting with Trenport back in January 2013 to discuss the possibility of funding towards a new Village Hall, Trenport had confirmed that there wouldn't be any money available from the Peters Pit development. The allotments were also discussed at this meeting as the Parish Council had made a request for rent relief on the allotments for the top field which was empty. Trenport had advised that they did not like to leave land empty and viewed the site that day.</p> <p>After the viewing, Chris Hall (Trenport Director) had requested an informal meeting with the PC Chairman and Village Hall Steering Group members to discuss the possibility of Trenport providing funding for the Village Hall via a building project. The meeting took place last week with Cllr Dalton also attending. Trenport suggested a building project on the current allotment site which could provide funds for the Village Hall project. Trenport would look to extend from the Oldfield Drive development, creating an access here through to the current allotment site, to provide around 70 houses, with approximately 20 of these being affordable housing. The current allotment site would be relocated to the top end of the current site. Trenport would be looking to the PC to support this project and would take into account Wouldham's requirement for more select 3 / 4 bedroom properties.</p> <p>Approximate figures were discussed. Chris Hall estimated that this would be a 2 million pound project with Trenport looking to take no less than 1 million pounds. After costs, the PC could be looking at in excess of £700,000 for its Village Hall project. A contract would be drawn up to safeguard the PC's interests and Trenport would look on this as a joint venture to be driven by the PC.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the effects on the village that this project would have and the suitability of the site. Although all Councillors felt, that as residents, they did not want further housing development in the village, it was agreed that the building would probably be inevitable and the PC should consider what it can gain for the village out of this project. The first consideration was whether planning permission would be granted for this project and it was therefore agreed that the Chairman would informally ask Cllr Dalton to speak with the planners at TMBC to gauge their view on such a development as this. It was also agreed to include a closed session at the end of next month's agenda, advising all councillors by email that their attendance is required and also to confirm if Cllr Dalton could attend a closed session meeting next month.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9.10pm.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Clerk</p>