

CLOSED SESSION

**MINUTES OF WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2013 AT 7.30PM
WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr R Stone (Chairman)
Cllrs D Adams, T Fulwell, J Head and K Savage
Borough Cllr R Dalton
Mrs S Egglesden (Clerk)

	ACTION
<p>22. Confidential Item - Village Hall</p> <p>The Chairman advised councillors of the informal meeting with Trenport at which ideas and information was exchanged. The PC has not made any commitment at this stage. Trenport were pleased with the positive reception from TMBC’s planners. Trenport had fitted a traffic sensor in Oldfield Drive for approximately 5 days to monitor traffic movement. The PC was not aware of this until the Trenport meeting.</p> <p>Trenport will pay for a housing survey to assess the housing needs in Wouldham. Trenport would also be able to provide the PC with access to some expertise for the new hall, otherwise unavailable to PC without paying.</p> <p>Cllr Fulwell suggested that the PC think about the allotment location – would it better placed by the permissive footpath freeing up further allotment land for more building? Other councillors thought it might be difficult to sell a bigger building project to the village and did not welcome the idea of a bigger housing development here. Cllr Fulwell also suggested the PC look at burying the power lines. The Chairman advised that the PC would have to consider its profit margin from the project for extra options.</p> <p>Site access was discussed but the Chairman advised that it is best to leave these issues to Trenport to work out.</p> <p>Trenport are looking at a quick turnaround for the project and it is hoped to have the housing survey results by July.</p> <p>Cllr Fulwell has taken over looking at grants for the Village Hall. He is starting to form a list of potential grant opportunities. Cllr Head asked why the Steering Group had not raised any grant money since looking into this project? The Chairman advised that the SG was never intended to fundraise, which is why a professional fundraiser had initially been brought on board. The SG had spent time working on the hall design with the architect, obtaining the planning permission and gathering the relevant and extensive information required for making grant applications which is a long process. Grants had been raised for some of the architect’s fees.</p> <p>Cllr Fulwell talked about telling the community and councillor’s partners about the project. The Chairman confirmed that Trenport would provide experts to present this to the village in a professional manner and currently we were not in a position to tell the village as nothing formal has been agreed with Trenport so therefore the PC do not have answers to the numerous questions that that a project like this would bring. Cllr Dalton confirmed that all information discussed in this meeting should remain confidential so standards are not broken and other councillors are not put in a difficult position.</p>	

	<p>The Chairman asked if all councillors were happy to continue discussions with Trenport and for the PC to look at this again, confidentially, next month. All councillors agreed with this.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9.45pm.</p>	
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