

**MINUTES OF WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 7.30PM**  
**WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

**Apologies for absence: None**

**Present:** Cllr Head, Cllr Parris, Cllr Jukes, Cllr Goode, Cllr Marr, Cllr Adams, Cllr Fitzwater, Cllr Fulwell, Clerk Nicky Grimes. Anne Marr. Fred

Chair introduces meeting which is to discuss a new hall which could not be discussed at the PC meeting.

Cllr Fulwell states that the Village Hall committee are very disappointed that the original lottery bid could not be funded but they are still keen to be involved in a new hall. Decisions should be made on the basis that the old bid will not be available to the PC.

It is proposed that the PC take back the decision on building a new hall.

There is to be a general discussion on items on the agenda but no decisions to be made.

<b><u>1.</u></b>	<p><b><u>Revamping existing hall</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Adams states that there were discussions on the new hall 6 years ago but still nothing has been done, thinks first priority should be to make the best of what we have, if existing hall is left much longer it might cost more in the long run. Does not want to wait another 5 years for the hall to be the in the same state and that a feasibility study needs to be completed.</p> <p>Discussion on whether Wouldham needs a new hall with the existing hall and possibly the old school becoming available.</p>
<b><u>2.</u></b>	<p><b><u>Modular buildings</u></b></p> <p>Clerk passes round the old plan and costs a very basic modular hall to cover the footprint of the original planning permission. It could be built in 3 phases.</p> <p>Suggests borrow money, put hall on Rec and get it up and running, sell existing hall and pay off loan.</p> <p>Discussion on putting in the “raft” and services access on the Rec.</p> <p>Cllr Fulwell discusses borrowing the money on the precept, add any grants we can get to enable us to build the hall in one go. Suggests the extra houses in PV will lessen the effect on the precept. Discussion on committing people who haven’t moved in yet to paying for a new hall in Wouldham especially as PV will already have their own hall.</p> <p>Cllr Head says the plans would include some resurfacing of the car park.</p> <p>Cllr Fulwell wants to know the total cost, thinks the final plan for the hall was the best, questions the differing costs of a modular v. brick built hall.</p> <p>Cllr Jukes agrees with the plan to start with one hall and add other modules when we can afford it.</p> <p>PC still has the responses from residents who commented the last time.</p> <p>Anne Marr reminds everyone that if Jellybeans are to use the new hall they need toilets that are not accessed by other users.</p>

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

	Discussion on consideration of a modular hall, discussion on building all at once or in stages, Cllr Fulwell sends last plan of hall to clerk to get quotes. Discussion on opening the toilets in the hall to the public.	
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Grants</u></b> Cllr Marr questions if anyone knows the likelihood of us getting all or any of the grants we are discussing. Discussion on borrowing from precept and relying on money from PV before it is built.	
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Car Park</u></b> Clerk has 2 quotes for resurfacing the car park, roughly £100K. Discussion on completing half the car park with the new hall and the other half when money available. Discussion on environmental car park surface, clerk passes round plan drawn up by a company to show tarmac drives with plastic bays. Discussion on making car park charges, this leads to discussion on the possibility of the PC acquiring part of the Tramway for a car park.	
<b>5</b>	<b><u>Selling off land</u></b> Discussion on the difficulty of selling the part of the car park where the social club used to be. Services underground, no access to a rear access for the High St if that ever came off. All agree it would not be viable.	
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Old School</u></b> All Agree that this discussion has already been had and even if the PC were gifted the old school (unlikely) it would not be suitable for a new hall.	
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>Grant applications</u></b> The PC need to see any applications going forward, there has to be complete transparency in any bids entered in the name of the PC. It is agreed that the clerk will work with Ali Smith on a new lottery bid.	
<b>8.</b>	<b><u>The Way forward</u></b> Can a decision be made tonight? Agreed there must be a deadline, it is agreed that that will be November. If a detailed and doable plan cannot be put together by then for the next precept budget then money should be found to revamp the existing hall. Are the PC happy to work with the funders who have worked so hard up until now? Yes but with complete transparency.	
<b>9</b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b> To pursue a modular hall by selling the existing hall and applying for other grants. Proposer Cllr Parris Second Cllr Jukes Votes for 6 Abstain 2	
	<b><u>Meeting ends 8.50pm</u></b>	