

The Village Hall Project Statement

Building Regs

The VHMC has engaged Cooke Brown Building Control to handle the building regs process. They are a private certifier and while they are about £50 more expensive (£800) than the local authority they include the following services: -

- *We will assist the design team on any aspects of the Building Regulations and provide advice to the construction team as work progresses.*
- *We will issue an initial notice to the local authority, please note this should be done at least 5 days prior to works commencing on site.*
- *We will produce a detailed and proactive plans assessment report.*
- *We will undertake statutory consultations with the water and fire authority, as required.*
- *We will agree an inspection framework relevant to the type of project and provide a comprehensive site inspection service.*
- *We will carry out a final inspection and issue a final certificate, upon satisfactory completion of the project*

The initial notice will need to be issued at least 5 days before work starts on site.

Conditions for Grant Provision

On behalf of the VHMC, Geoff Winkworth has agreed and stated as follows

‘For clarity I have no difficulty with the subordinate conditions (see below), and I am happy to say I agree. If the phased allocation of the cash is set in stone, then I would ask that the allocation is phased in the form we discussed earlier. If you need to encapsulate the conditions for formal acceptance, I have no objection.’

Note

The phased payment that I spoke with Geoff was based on the formulae discussed was £10k up front, £10k when foundations are in and £10k when the roof is on. This is slightly different to the one agreed at the PC meeting on the 23rd September 2020 and is a practical change.

The conditions

- In accepting this grant the VHMC agrees to the following
- To provide on request and upon completion of the project an account of how all funds were used, this should include a financial statement.
- To identify and submit proposals for the return of any under spend.
- We are advised that it would be normal practice to make the grant available on receipt of invoices. On this occasion the Parish Council is able to make part of the grant (one third) available up front and will transfer the residue in two phased payments.
- In the event of any unforeseen development that may indicate the project is at risk the Parish Council requires the VHMC to make them aware of this without delay.
- The Parish Council would expect to receive full acknowledgement of the grant in terms of any publicity and or publication (including any notices or plaques erected to mark the extension)

As Chair of the Parish Council, I think that has dotted the i's and crossed the t's and will allow the project to progress as smoothly as possible in the current times. There will be difficulties ahead, supply times, Covid rule changes at work, physical lock downs but they can all be overcome with effort.

This Statement is a joint communication from; -

Geoff Winkworth Chair of Village Hall Management Committee

Eric Dale Chair of the Parish Council

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