



Westleton Village Hall

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Westleton Village Hall - Update on Building Projects

To all people who live in Westleton and all people who use Westleton Village Hall
From Westleton Village Hall Committee
01/10/2008

We wish update you on progress with the projects to improve the heating and insulation in the hall and install an accessible lavatory.

We quote from our last report of 28 June 2008;
Suffolk Coastal District Council has granted listed building consent, with one proviso. They want to ensure that the SlimLite double glazing units are satisfactory before they agree to us installing them. Paul Holmes has ordered a single unit which he will install on an experimental basis. We will then get the SCDC Planning and Listed Building people to visit us to see if they are happy.

Paul has installed the experimental window (see if you can spot it, it isn't difficult). Suffolk Coastal DC has given its approval so all our planning and listed building consents are now in place.

Roger Driver has helped us with our building regulation application (to be fair, we helped him). We await developments with this.

HM Revenue and Customs have confirmed that the installation of the accessible lavatory can be zero rated for VAT. We can also reinstate the lost "ladies" space VAT free but the fittings will be charged VAT at 17.5%. The "gents" work, the replacement windows and the replacement heaters will be charged 17.5% VAT. We can get the heater controls at 5% VAT. If the insulation is supplied and fitted as a single order with one invoice we can get this at 5% VAT. We need to think about how we can do that as we intended to order the insulation and fit it ourselves.

We haven't had any success yet with our funding applications.

Suffolk Environmental Trust has delayed considering our application for funding till November. This may be to our advantage. We believe they will have extra money available and we were also able to send them the revised lavatory costs following the advice from HMRC.

Energy Solutions, on behalf of British Energy NDA/Magnox South, and British Energy directly have both turned down our application for funding.

Energy Solutions have suggested an alternative funding source through their Socio-Economic Scheme.

The Garfield Weston Foundation has said they will consider us for "a small grant when you are further advanced with your fundraising or have exhausted local sources."

We have also been advised that the Norman Scarf Charitable Foundation is a useful source of funds for Suffolk projects.

Age Concern has also been suggested.

CAfE (Community Action for Energy) has given us a list of potential sources of funding.

It is almost two years since we got funding from the National Lottery to deal with the damp problem in the committee room so we can apply to them again.

So we are still waiting for a response from some of our first cycle of applications and we will be submitting more bids over the next few weeks.

So please keep your fingers crossed on our behalf.

Westleton Village Hall Committee

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