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Dear Sarah

CHISHILL WINDMILL

Thank you for visiting Shire Hall last week and I've summarised below the key points from our meeting with County Councillors Reynolds and Van de Ven, Parish Councillor Gardiner, and my colleagues David Nuttycombe and Jim Harris.

It was confirmed that the structure of the mill had been made watertight and safe prior to winter; however, more extensive works are required. I note that the Parish Council may be interested in acquiring the mill providing the County Council carries out the repair work. The Parish Council advised that the windmill has recently been placed on the Heritage at Risk register, although it does not appear online as yet.

It was confirmed that the County Council is required to obtain best consideration for disposal of property assets, unless there are social or community benefits that can justify a disposal for less than best consideration.

The Director of Finance, Property and Performance will be asked to declare the mill surplus to County Council requirements and I shall be obtaining an independent determination of Market Value. The County Council's disposal protocol enables the District and Parish Council to acquire assets on a first refusal basis, and therefore I'll share the valuation with you in around 4 – 6 weeks time.

If the Parish Council were to acquire the mill at Market Value then the transfer process would be fairly straightforward. However if the Parish Council wish to acquire the mill for less than best consideration a business case justifying any reduction will be required. The County Council's Cabinet would have to approve this type of disposal. A link to the relevant documentation is provided below:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/depts/community/communitylearningdev/compact/assettransfer.htm>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Sweeney".

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