

Village Hall Working Party Committee meeting – VHC

21st February 2019 – 7pm – The Fox, Ousden

Attendees from the working party:

Christine Ingham – CI

Richard Hurrell – RH

Julie Pryke – JP

Alan Christie – JR

John Whitefield – JW

Mike Hole - MH

Apologies

Paul Leaves – PL

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To Action

Time Frame

AC opened to summarise the options we currently have;

Option 1 – is as per the previous proposal as agreed at the open meeting, selling part of the site etc.

Option 2 – Discussion continues with a local person that may be able to assist in funding a rebuild , but as this is at an early stage the feeling is that we should continue working on the proposed option in parallel with any

other discussions.

AC presented the action plan

There are some big actions in it to move things on, but we need to get them listed in order

MH suggested pre application for which there will be a charge

We still need an actual 'building plan'

We need to discuss potential re-siting of the hall and whether we have a double or single building plot for sale

AC remarked that we will need the drawing for the public to see, but also for building quotations and then really knowing what it costs and would be helpful for local builders

MH suggested an invitation to tender

MH will rehash the action plan in to an order with time lines (planning, tendering)

We will keep the village updated with progress

AC will speak to builders re tendering for the build

MH will highlight areas that others from the committee could do

CI could seek permissions from the clubs listed in the constitution for the sale of land/ rebuild with the help of JP

There was still some clarity required when looking at the legal position with the Charities Commission. The next Parish Council meeting is the 5th March (***RH note – I see on the Parish council website it says 12th March***) and really this could be taken to them. CI offered to speak with Joanne Kirk, as CI feels that she would probably have some information on the situation and some history having been involved in the Hall and Ousden for many years. Maybe a joint letter to the Charities Commission regarding the sale and hall development.

MH Commented that really we should inform the owner of the land (therefore in writing to the Parish Council). It was thought that the covenant could be the issue on the land.

CI said that she will just have a 'pre-emptive' conversation with Joanne Kirk

MH has said that he will speak with his contact re the land value, but has said that if anyone else had suggestions/contacts to please let him know

CI spoke to the committee having had a report from PL re his discussions with the charity interested in the village hall from a WW1 historic perspective. He reports that they are very interested, but have pointed out that they are also a charity and could not pay for it. The committee agreed how nice it would be for the hall could

got to the preservation society and great that they were local too, they had also commented that the asbestos may not be so bad.

MH did say that an asbestos survey could be carried out in relation to demolition. PL has spoken to a company in Cambridge and they demolish but another company come and take it away, but PL is working on this.

AC said that ultimately they should give a quotation in order to secure the building for the society and JW suggested that they should include any asbestos removal in that.

PL did contact St Edmundsbury Council who have said 'No' to supporting any funds to demolition, CI did not know if PL had the name of who he had spoken to.

AC said that he would speak to PL about updates.

JP has suggested making up a contact sheet so that we have the contacts at the different authorities/suppliers that we talk with.

JW also suggested that maybe we should meet with St Edmundsbury Council as a group, and pull in the right people maybe JG and AC as a joint Parish Council and VHWC group.

The committee felt that it would be good to make approaches as 'a group' as it perhaps has more gravitas

JP suggested that best practice would mean getting 3 quotes for the asbestos removal

JW suggested the RL insulations of Bury ST Edmunds for asbestos removal, CI will follow up

MH just warned about time scales with this type of thing. The council is the 2nd action after quotes are received.

AC

End of April

AC wished to discuss funding

AC with the help of SC could try to put together some sort of business plan

JW offer to look at other cricket orientated funding

AC/PL will discuss and look at a promotive script – creating the story, a story book - CI has something already that she will add

AC mentioned that SC had mentioned some funding is available for websites possibly and has offered to look in to this

AC has said that on the premise that we need £100K on top of the sale of site we should look at Wills Estate, The Sheik, East of England Coop, Sport England, Suffolk County Council and St Edmundsbury Council and we could approach now for a pledge

JW commented that he feels there are different levels, informal level of pledge and a more formal pledge where a submission of a business plan etc, will be required. Ultimately we would use these informal pledge funds to match fund from other organisations.

<p>CI did mention that she did have a letter already drafted</p> <p>JP felt that we do need to be cautious about making approaches before we have the village behind us.</p> <p>AC agreed with this and that we need a package of information, and with this in mind a date was agreed of 12th June 7pm at the Village Hall for a Public open meeting. We can then work back our actions from this date</p> <p>AC said that we should all share e-mails in order to complete the action plan and add dates into the plan over the next few weeks,</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>JW mentioned moving the cricket container next to the cricket shed CI said that she will enquire as it could be restricted as it may not be VH responsibility but the Church / Wills Estate</p> <p>Next meeting for the New Village Hall Working party Tuesday 19th March</p>	<p>ALL of us</p>	<p>19th March</p>
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