

New Village Hall Project Group Meeting

Thursday 6 October 2022

Venue: All Saints Church by kind permission of the PCC

Minutes

Present: *Village Hall Committee:* George Brett-Reynolds (Chair), Margaret Brett Reynolds, David Skinner, Julie Piggott. *Hall Project Advisory Board:* Sophie Trend (co-ordinator), Graham Polson, Suki Polson, John Harrison, Lindy Green, Tim Green, Susie Freeman, Graham Able, Mary Able, Paul Brown, Carol Brown,

Apologies: *Village Hall Committee:* Barbara Clark *Advisory Board:* Sue Harrison, Julie Dyson, Susan Polson, Susan Neil, Tony Green, Tom Mitcheson, Sarah Hiner, Tina Guillory

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting (dated 9.3.22), previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

Building Subcommittee update: Regular progress updates on heritage works at the hall site have been circulated by email to the Project Group through the summer. The archaeological investigation is complete. To date the power transfer and asbestos clearance costs have been met, but the drainage consultancy and archaeological work invoices are to come. Graham P. is in contact with Mark Masters regarding the updated project costings (due on September 4). These are now promised for delivery on Friday 7 October. Until these are received further grant applications are necessarily on hold. The intended October 10 start date has been consequently pushed back.

The transfer of land from the Holkham Estate (landowner) and Wighton Doorstep Green Charity (lessee) is underway, with Hayes & Storr solicitors handling the legal procedures. The meeting thanked Graham A. For handling the successful negotiation with Holkham and Graham P. for his tireless work in liaising with G&M and with the solicitors.

Fundraising update: Graham A. reported continued progress with the "Buy-a-Brick" leaflet with a total of £547,661 now raised. Recent boosts include a donation of £300 by the Carnival Committee and a pledge of £10,000 by the Garfield Weston Foundation. Graham A. urged a concerted push for an additional £10,000 to hit a target of £50,000 in demonstration of village commitment.

A donation of £500 is expected from the Marsham Show in January 2023 and there is around £70 in gift aid to claim, plus £3,600 to come from the Wighton Fundraising Committee (with the support of the PCC and Doorstep Green Charity). Susie F. is preparing an application to Sheringham Shoal and encouraged all to subscribe to Amazon Smile. Future events include a Black Shuck gin-tasting evening and a Spooky Walk - raffle prizes welcomed.

Donor Book: Mary A. is recording donors' names in a commemorative book, for which Jenny Lazell has kindly contributed a water colour painting of the old hut (including copies for fundraising purposes).

AOB: It was agreed to keep the Jubilee Trees scheme on the table for discussion at a later date.

The meeting asked Sophie T. to check the Goldcrest Charity Trustees were happy with progress, including tweaked timescales.

Date for next meeting: Thursday 10 November at 7pm. All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm