

New Village Hall Project Meeting

**Wednesday 26 November 2019
6pm**

Minutes

Present: *Village Hall Committee:* George Brett-Reynolds (Chair), Margaret Brett-Reynolds, David Skinner.

Hall Project Advisory Board: Sophie Trend, Graham Able, Mary Able, Graham Polson, Sarah Hiner, Tony Green, Susan Neil, John Harrison, Susie Freeman.

Architect: Elena Thatcher of The Other Studio.

Apologies: Barbara Clark (*Village Hall Committee*) Julie Dyson, Susan Polson, Sue Harrison, Paul & Carol Brown, Tom Mitcheson, (*Advisory Board*).

Minutes: After a welcome by the Chair, the minutes of the last meeting (21.10.19) were agreed and signed. Going forward, Graham Polson asked for earlier circulation of the minutes.

Plans update: The Chair welcomed architect Elena Thatcher of The Other Studio to the meeting and invited her to present her design ideas which she illustrated with slides. Themes covered included context, analysis of village needs, examination of local building materials and building types, practical use of hall space and sense of place in the surrounding landscape.

Elena explained that now the layout and look of the building was taking shape, the next step was to decide on type of materials used based on aesthetics, maintenance issues and budget. Decisions need to include roofing and exterior, also a consideration of issues such as salt-caused deterioration to some materials due to Wighton's proximity to the sea. Potential planning issues include car parking (and turning space), bike storage, refuse storage etc.

Everyone present agreed that it was an extremely useful and interesting presentation and thanked Elena for her time and efforts. The meeting asked Elena to quote for her services going forward, including advice on materials and preparing for the pre-planning stage. Elena agreed to do this within the next fortnight.

If instructed, Elena confirmed that she would be willing to prepare visuals for the next meeting in late January and to help with pre-planning requirements for a possible end of February delivery. She agreed to send an electronic copy of her presentation to members of the VH Committee and the Advisory Board.

Buildings subcommittee update: Graham Polson and Graham Able briefed the meeting on progress including a ballpark quote received from Morrissey Builders for a brick build amounting to £184,000, plus around £70,000 for plumbing and utilities, subject to final plans. Graham Polson had also conducted research into sliding doors and suggested that an approximate figure of £16,000 for three on the south side of the building was likely.

Grass-roots fundraising co-ordinator: Discussion of fundraising plans and appointment of a second grassroots funding co-ordinator was postponed to a future meeting.

Any other business: All agreed that it was important to keep the Goldcrest Trustees updated with progress (Julie Dyson to be forwarded a copy of Elena's presentation). It was proposed that a village meeting should be held in February to ensure that local residents feel a sense of ownership and involvement with the project. Date tbc.

Date for next meeting: Monday 27th January at 6pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 7.15pm