

New Village Hall Project Meeting

Wednesday 27th February 2019

7pm

Minutes

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

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

Apologies: Barbara Clark, Sandy Hopkinson (*Village Hall Committee*) Tina Guillory, Julie Dyson, Sarah Hiner (*Advisory Board*).

Minutes & matters arising: After a welcome by the Chair, the minutes of the last meeting (31.1.19) were agreed and signed by the Chair.

Action points from last meeting - update:

Possible hall relocation: Sophie Trend reported on advice from David Horton Fawkes (former land agent at Holkham). His view was that Holkham may not be particularly interested in a land swap for village development due to recent problems in Burnham Thorpe and its trust structure which is difficult and expensive to unravel. However, he suggested that finding grant funding for the project could be easier than feared with a good application, although the fund he'd used for Warham has now closed.

Planners: Graham Polson reported back on his conversation with the planning administration office at the NNDC which has a positive attitude to village hall construction with few restrictions on land designated as "recreational" and flexibility on materials used. A planning application would cost £485. Frame building would reduce costs. Graham to look at building options for consideration by the Village Hall Committee.

Project name and logo: Susan Neil and Tony Green gave an interesting and informative presentation on logo designs. Several eye-catching possibilities were discussed for confirmation at the next meeting. Subject to Village Hall funds, the new logo could be used for badges and banners in time for the Scarecrow Festival in May.

Funding: Susie Freeman circulated useful research on potential funding organisations with a list of contacts. She suggested ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) as the go-to body for funding.

AOB: There was some general discussion about fundraising on the field and in the hall including car boot sales and other events. There was also agreement that a project timetable needs to be firmed up and a leaflet produced summarising the Village Hall Committee's vision for the project with outline costings, drawing on the various suggestions supplied by the Advisory Board. This document would be the basis for use in funding bids and for updating villagers on progress. A visit to Swanton Novers village hall was proposed as a way of learning from the experience of other recent hall projects - Sophie Trend to arrange.

Date for next meeting: Wednesday 9th April at 7pm in the Village Hall

The meeting ended at 9pm