

Parish Rooms Working Party (PRWP)

Notes

Wednesday 25th October 2023

Access difficulties ruled out the Parish Rooms and the meeting was held at
Lynette's house Hundleby
7.00 - 9.00 pm

Present

Parish Councillors Lynette Corten-Miller, Chair, Christine Parker, Jenny Caitlin and Philip Madison

Residents David Stonehouse and Sheridan in place of Sarah

YMCA Village Hall Advisor Kirk Thompson

Apologies Emma Morris, Sarah Boulton

- 1 Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- 2 Chair had circulated an email dated Oct 10th to PRWP members.

Hi Lynette

I'm writing to let you know that the meeting between the tennis club and yourselves planned for the 25 October will need to be deferred. After the previous meeting, Steve and Angels attended, we had a committee meeting and discussed your vision of the future which you kindly shared.

We feel at this juncture we need further time to look at our way forward and need more and in-depth discussions with a wider group of members on how we want the tennis club to benefit from the joint working. Your ideas and thoughts really started us thinking about the opportunity and what a huge undertaking it is and it has to be done sensitively and thoroughly.

We have our next meeting planned and will contact you when we are clearer on our thoughts.

Kind regards

Anni (on behalf of Spilsby and District Tennis Club Committee)

- 3 All members present were disappointed with the email and agreed to look at other options in moving the project forward.

- 4 Kirk suggested setting up a separate entity e.g. a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to become Trustees of a new Village Hall. Also to make a 3 year plan of what we want to achieve. The possibility of a joint bid with the Tennis Club becomes Plan C until we have financial, legal and Constitutional facts on community use.

- 3 We held a general discussion to generate some options. Our priority is sorting out the Parish Rooms (PR). Storm Babet has caused more leaks and

emergency repairs undertaken to the roof. Issues included car parking, encroached access to PR and it being an old building in need of renovation. Discussed other possible car park sites, new build sites and properties for sale.

4 Possibilities are to change use of the land from allotments to a new build site for Village Hall. The Parish Council (PC) owns the land and restrictions apply to PCs on applying for funds. An independent group of trustees would have more scope. PCs have the power to lease land on a peppercorn rent.

5 There is Heritage Lottery money available. The Parish Rooms are our heritage. Possible uses to be explored. It has to demonstrate community benefit and involvement e.g. schools and community groups.

6 Suggested visiting some Lincolnshire heritage projects and other village halls e.g. Friskney, Huttoft, Nocton. Lynette to research Lincolnshire heritage buildings and heritage funding.

7 There are a limited number of people driving projects forward. We need to reach out to more people and business people.

8 PRWP Members prioritised options. First focus on sorting out the Parish Rooms then look at providing a new Village Hall.

a) 6 month plan to renovate Parish Rooms as a heritage project

b) 3 year plan to go for an Eco new build Village Hall on allotments

c) joint bid with Tennis Club

9 Agreed to meet Sunday 29th October at 10.00 in the Parish Rooms to see the damage and repair. To meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month starting Wednesday 8th November at 7.00pm in the Parish Rooms..

10 Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.