

Parish Rooms Refurbishment Working Party (PRWP) Disability Feasibility Study and Village Hall Advice

Notes of Meeting

Wednesday 7th June 2023
New Life Centre Spilsby

Present

Councillor Lynette Corten-Miller Chair Councillor Malcolm Dales Councillor Philip Madison Councillor Jenny Caitlin

Steve Lancashire Chair Spilsby Tennis Club (TC)

Kirk Thomson Community Development Officer (Village Halls and Community Buildings) YMCA Lincolnshire ACRE Action with Communities in Rural England

Introduction

Hundleby Parish Council (PC) set up the Parish Rooms Working Party (PRWP) going back pre-COVID. The PRWP Terms of Reference state:

purpose/role to assess the development survey results propose options for a way forward and implement any actions agreed by HPC.

membership – 4 Councillors, 4 Hundleby residents and from time to time any other people/bodies could be invited to attend.
Membership to end on completion of the project

In March 2023 PRWP considered the results of the feasibility study done by David Biggadike of DC Architectural Services. The PRWP recommended Option 4, a joint venture to the PC. In April 2023 the PC resolved to explore Option 4 further.

Chair has called a series of meetings (there'll be more to come) to explore Option 4. These include the Disability Feasibility Study and Village Halls Advice meeting of 2nd June. Followed up with this 7th June meeting. The notes of both meetings form a set with Kirk's YMCA handouts attached by separate email.

Kirk outlined our options

Parish Council (PC) and Tennis Club (TC) stay as at present
PC limitations e.g. parking, numbers and access.

Keep Parish Rooms (PR) use it as a spillover or for something
different

TC and PR both sit on community land for the benefit of the
community

Develop a separate group to develop joint venture

Points Raised

- 1 Steve restated his commitment to joint working. He wants to find the best options for ownership and governance arrangements. That are acceptable to both partners and protect the interests of both partners.
- 2 Malc challenged whether TC would go it alone. TC could apply to Sport England and the Lawn Tennis Association for funding. Steve on behalf of TC and their Trustees, would rather work together to develop the TC community site in the heart of our community for community use.
- 3 Kirk suggested that we had two sets of muddy waters. It may be better to separate ourselves out e.g. a Community Interest Company (CIG). It could comprise people from TC, PC, PRWP, users and more. The NHS are coming out into the community more and we could consider that.
- 4 We could aim for a multi purpose building, jointly owned supporting all the community with sport and non sport activities & events. Built from successful joint funding bids. It could have joint governance and management. It could have a Management Committee of Trustees of the community facilities built on community land with joint grant funding. A separate entity from the Parish Council.
- 5 Kirk reminded us we all have one aim to secure future community facilities for Hundleyby. It is for beyond our lifetimes, it is for future generations. Kirk urged us to take off our PC hats and put on our residents' hats. Funding opportunities increase with higher numbers of people at activities & events. It could have wider scope such as Lottery for the wider community use and bigger numbers.

6 Kirk urged us to start with our end vision. What exactly do we all want to see? A multi use community and sports facility. We outlined our dream wishes. A large building, an indoor tennis court, badminton, basketball, table tennis, gymnastics, dancing. Start up the croquet outside again. The existing TC clubroom could be made into showers and changing rooms. The site could have wheelchair basketball, tennis and archery. There could be a community garden, wild area, kids play area. The building could have several meeting rooms, storage, space for everything, everyone, babies, children, parties, dances even, as well as sport. We are not all sporty. We are delighted there are young families settling here.

7 A new thread had emerged and opened up our thinking. If we could keep the well loved PR that many people have a deep attachment to. If it could be viable to run it for community purposes serving sections of the community. Kirk asked if the Church would like to use it more. Kirk told us that there is some funding for community libraries. Maybe film nights and bread & butter clubs. We recognise it depends on the motivation and enthusiasm of people to organise events. Steve told us of the range of activities at Raithby e.g bingo and how successful it all is. Kirk urged us to articulate our ideas into our plans.

Actions Needed

8 Each group to feedback on current thinking. Further work required.

9 Read Kirk's latest handouts - 3 attachments as follows

What is Business Plan *business plan pdf*

Community/Village Hall Business Plan *dev plan pdf*

Village Hall Development *dev plan pdf*

Project Work Plan *dev plan pdf*

Village Hall Sustainability Project Proposal *sus project pdf*

PRWP to go through these documents and review progress.

10 Tennis Club to develop a plan for the joint venture.

11 Parish Council to develop a plan for the joint venture.

12 Explore legal ramifications of joint management structure.

13 Kirk advised us to plan for 3, 5 and 10 year timescales. To get artist's impressions and architects models made. Take these out to the community and beyond, as people travel in from farther afield.

14 Kirk advised us to take preliminary discussions with ELDC. It is sensible to get outline planning permission to see if the project tis feasible. We noted that Councillor Gray, County Councillor is taking an interest. He knows PR and has visited TC.

15 Kirk advised us to visit other Village Halls eg Hemingby, Mareham and Nocton. Get appointments to meet people there. Find out what their issues were and how they overcome them. How well their hall is used and for what.

16 Kirk advised us to (re-)survey users and potential users including TC people. TC has 100 members and most travel in. PR and TC attract users from a wider area.

17 Research Management Committee options of governance

18 Parish Council to develop a plan for the future of the Parish Rooms Covid has changed people's attitudes. People need connection with one another. Some people want to do things locally within walking distance. We need evidence of potential use for funding bids.

19 To explore alternative community uses for PR and look for funding opportunities. Philip reminded us 'to check the small print.'

20 To keep PR running Kirk advised urgent attention re disability e.g.
Ramp up and into front door access
Disabled loo access
Fire door egress
Kirk told us our portable ramps are unsafe and they must not be used
Counter height

This is not a definitive list.

Finally

19 Distribute Notes of 2nd and 7th June along with the YMCA handouts to PRWP and Parish Councillors.

20 Prepare to pool wish list ideas at next meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday 12 July venue tbc

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