

Notes from meeting of Village Hall Working Group

8.00 pm Thursday 6th August 2009

Present: Peter Newell, Martin Shann, Colin Smith, Robert Crocker, Bill Pinkerton

1. Notes from meeting on 30th July and matters arising

It was agreed these were an accurate reflection of the meeting.

The following actions were agreed:

- All documents from the Working Group would be placed on the Village Web site unless they contained material of a confidential nature.
- Peter will do this and will also initiate a VH Project Forum so people can feed back comments to the Group.
- People not able to access web site should send comments to Peter.
- Colin will prepare a monthly progress report to be placed on the PC notice board and in the Grapevine.

Rob said that he had obtained an estimate of the cost of demolishing the existing building of £4000. Together with the estimate previously obtained for removing the asbestos the total would be around £7000 unless more asbestos was found during the work.

Peter agreed to liaise with Fund Raising Group.

2. Feedback on discussions with Village Groups

Each member of the Group reported on the discussion they had had with their respective Village Groups. The main points to emerge were:

- There is a general opinion in favour of keeping the Hall in its current location as this give direct access to the field, rather than having to walk across a car park. However it was not felt that that this should necessarily be an overriding consideration.
- There could be funding available from the Scouts if a the new hall could provide the headquarters for the Freeland and Hanborough Group.
- Rob had talked with two representatives from the football and cricket club. They had discussed at length the pros and cons of a separate Sports pavilion and were now against this in favour of including the facilities they need as part of the main building but with a separate entrance. The main argument was the likely increased cost of cleaning and maintenance for a separate building. The Clubs did not need a dedicated meeting room which could be shared with the rest of the Village.

- The Clubs could manage without the changing facilities during the build if this was necessary and not prolonged.

The Group welcomed this response from the Sports Clubs. The point was made that there was a lot of potential funding for sports and if the facilities were integrated money raised from these sources could go towards the build as a whole and thus be more effectively used.

Fund raising for sports should be coordinated with the whole fund raising effort. Rob will talk to the Clubs to get them to work with the Fund Raising Group

Martin had not yet talked to some members of PC or a representative from the orchestra but will do so this week.

3. Project Plan – discussion and revision

The Project Plan was accepted with minor modifications but may have to be changed after discussions with the Architect. Colin will amend and circulate.

4. Architects Brief – discussion and revision

Proposed amendments to the draft of the Architects brief were discussed. The main changes were:

- The option of a separate sports facility would not be pursued.
- Although there does seem to be majority in favour of the current location the Architect should not be constrained by this but should take a holistic view of the whole site.

Colin will update the brief and circulate.

5. Appointment of architect

The Group agreed to approach Ray Tollady to discuss the Project Brief.

Martin will contact him and invite him to the next meeting. The PC will be asked to confirm the appointment of an Architect for the Project at their September meeting. It is hoped that Ray Tollady will agree to work on an ad-hoc basis until then.

6. AOB

Grant from WODC

The Group were not optimistic about the prospect of obtaining a grant from WODC – the deadline for this years application is November, but agreed that Rob would discuss with the Funding Group.

7. Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th August 8.00 pm, 42 Wroslyn Rd