

MEETING OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING PHASE II COMMITTEE

November 20th 2018 at 7:00pm

The Main Hall, Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Jeanette Johnson (Chair) Laurence King (Vice Chair) Richard Fife, Paul Hyde and John Richardson

In attendance: Jessica Sherrin (Clerk) Chris Helmore, Jerry Major, Helen Metcalf and Steve Wright

18/0038 **Apologies for absence** - Cllr Terry Hazard and Mo Major

18/0039 **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** - None

18/0040 **Minutes from previous meeting** - held on September 18th 2018 agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

18/0041 **Update on actions taken by committee members**

J Major expects to meet with ARC before the next committee meeting in January and will provide them with a site plan and a verbal outline of the discussions which have taken place by the Committee. Noted that an open space can be designed which allows for a building to be added in the future if the need arises.

Visits have taken place to the Misterton Centre & Library and the Tin Hat Centre in Selston – report previously circulated. Noted that these centres received funding due to their location. As Burton Joyce is neither remote nor in need of regeneration it was considered unrealistic to be able to attain similar funding. L King carried out further on-line research and proposed visits to West Bridgford and Beeston Libraries could be beneficial. Noted that based on these 2 examples investment programmes are available.

The library brief supplied by Inspire was considered. The conclusion was that the currently library is significantly larger than anything that could be built within the grounds of the Old School Building and therefore there would be on real advantage to relocating it.

Discussion took place regarding the need for a new building in the village and the conclusion was that an open, canopied space may better provide a useful facility for the benefit of residents as it is already well provided with halls, meeting rooms, club houses and cafes. Similarly, though it is recognised that parking can be an issue at times, a new car park would not be an appropriate use of such a central and key piece of land. The current thinking of the Committee therefore is that it should instead be considering a covered / canopied open space which would be an entirely unique resource in the centre of the village and could benefit a wide range of groups and ages.

The open space could include a low-maintenance gardened area with seating for meeting, relaxation and socialising, an open area in which exercise classes and health and well-being activities could take place and a canopied area for musical events, specialist market days and other cultural activities. Noted that whatever is planned, it should be linked with the aim of improving the village centre as a whole and that this should be considered to be the start of a bigger project.

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Agreement of next steps

J Sherrin to compose letter to local groups and organisations (Doctors, Scouts, Guides, U3A, Village Hall etc) and circulate to committee for comment. This will scope out the initial plans and seek opinions on whether an additional building is what is required, or indeed if a covered open space would be more beneficial to the community. Also to contact School / Young People's services. Consultation exercise to then begin with these groups before widening it to the whole community. Noted budget consideration for 2019/20 is possible seed-corn funding for the project. J Major to meet with ARC to discuss options.

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Date of next meeting – Tuesday 22nd January at 7pm

Meeting closed 8:30pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Old School Building Phase II Committee

Date: _____