

MEETING OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

PHASE II COMMITTEE

April 19th 2018 at 7:30pm

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

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Paul Hyde (Chair) - to 8pm Jeanette Johnson (Vice Chair) Richard Fife, Terry Hazard and Laurence King

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

- 18/0011** **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Y Greenfield, R Ringham and P Blandamer
- 18/0012** **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** - None
- 18/0013** **Minutes from previous meeting** - held on January 16th 2018 approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair
- 18/0014** **Update on purchase of long-term lease of the Old School Building (OSB)** – J Sherrin reported that the 30 year mortgage at 2.7% is now in place. Repayments will be £11k per annum. The 125 year lease is ready for signature to take effect from May 9th 2018.
- 18/0015** **Update on actions taken by committee members.** The following suggestions were presented:
- **An electronic display board** housed at the front of the OSB to draw the central focus of the village to this location. Such a board could display all information about what's on in the village, train and bus times, special events and promote work of the Parish Council more widely etc. Could potentially pay for itself through sponsorship from the businesses and organisations using the facility.
 - **Alleviation of parking problems** - An example was given of the village of Hook where partnerships have been built with local pubs for the use of their parking spaces at quiet times to alleviate parking shortages. The promotion of "park and stride" through new signage was a further suggestion made to encourage people to walk a short distance from where their cars are parked. It was noted that a multi-purpose structure is likely to attract more cars. Time restricted zones discussed as solution to all-day road parking.
 - **A tensile structure** – Images were presented of tensile structures which could be used to provide a canopied area with the view to having seating / garden beneath it as a meeting place for residents.

Cllr Hyde left at this point. Cllr Johnson took over chairing the meeting.

- **A new building providing flexible usage** – Cllr Johnson noted that conversations have opened with Inspire library services about how we could collaborate on designing a new facility. A new building could house, among other facilities, the library. Pull-out theatre seating for performances also suggested for developing cultural activities in the village. Usage could also be to provide an Internet café, educational support, hobbies, evening classes, disability learning, technology learning and inter-generation projects.
- **Pedestrianisation of the area** – reference was made to the Nottingham Trent University proposal (for which funding was withdrawn) that suggested the development of the area outside the Old School Building. Bus stops could be moved to alleviate the current pinch point and pavements levelled and flattened to make better use of the space outside the shops. Ramped access could naturally create a village square for events. Noted that it is important that the site should be considered in the context of the village as a whole.
- **Removal of the Old Classroom** – An estimate of £7,600 had been provided for the demolition of the Old Classroom at the front of the site, believed to contain some asbestos. Concluded that funding sources need to be identified before a decision can be made as to whether this should be done as part of the overall scheme or more immediately.
- **Funding** – Possible funding sources – Awards for All, Biffa and Groundworks.

18/0016 **Consultation with residents** - agreed that total budget needs to be agreed, following further investigation into funding sources and more specific design suggestions need to be in place before widening consultation.

18/0017 **Agreement of next steps** – Agreed in broad terms that further investigation and design ideas should encompass a canopied garden / open air section at the front of the site (Main Street side) and a flexible building at the back of the site (currently the community garden). J Major to investigate a “beauty parade” for architectural businesses to provide proposals. J Sherrin, L King and C Helmore to meet up with Notts Youth Services. J Johnson to find out more about space requirements from the Inspire. R Fife to put request for residents with Grant Applications skills on Village Facebook. H Metcalf to liaise with T Hazard re grants. C Helmore to contact Sheffield Halam architecture students. Clearing of old Classroom to be considered by Full Council.

18/0018 **Date of next meeting** – Thursday 7th June at 8:15pm (note change of time from 7:30pm)

Meeting closed 9:15pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Old School Building Phase II Committee

Date: _____