

MEETING OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING PHASE II COMMITTEE

Monday 7th March 2022 at 3:30pm

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

Present: Cllrs L King (Chair) Y Greenfield (Vice Chair) T Hazard, R Fife, J Johnson and R Ringham

In attendance: H Metcalf and S Wright

MINUTES

- 22/0102** **Apologies for absence** - J Sherrin, Clerk (Illness). Cllr Y Greenfield took minutes.
- 22/0103** **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** - None
- 22/0104** **Minutes from previous meeting** – September 1st 2021 – approved as a true record and signed by the chair.
- 22/0105** **Review of OSB site development** –There were huge hopes that Balfour Beatty would carry out the site surveys and demolish the classroom. Despite BJPC getting all the paperwork to disconnect the services and a certificate to demolish the building, post publicity about the GAR overspend etc BB were unable to fulfil their promises. An asbestos survey to show there was no asbestos in the building was however undertaken by BB. Alternative avenues are being looked into to proceed with the works. TV Councillor M Adams has asked VIA to come and quote to do the surveys. No further progress has been made.
- 22/0106** **Grants and funding** –Cllr King provided an update on the current situation with the Old School Trust. They are known to have provided a grant to Burton Joyce Primary School, but otherwise it would seem there has been no other call on the funds, suggesting a strong case for changing the objectives if they wish to. The Chief Exec of Southwell Diocese asked that the Trust was given a twelve month period to explore the viability of its current objectives. As this is now month eight of the period, some progress is required. Cllr King suggested that the Parish Council write to him requesting a meeting. Cllr Greenfield suggested ringing up and speaking in person to request a meeting. Cllr King felt that taking professional legal advice prior to any meeting may be advantageous, he reminded the meeting that the Trust money was publicly sourced money.
- Cllr Hazard again suggested various other routes to funding be investigated. Helen Metcalfe suggested that a feasibility study would be a good step forward with costed options. She also suggested that GBC may have an officer who could help

with both funding similar to other local authorities. It was also noted that NALC might give advice and have access to various bodies on the way forward. Suggested the Parish Clerk contact them as we are members.

22/0107 **Wider village developments** – Cllr King had spoken to the Reverend of the Methodist Circuit (group of sixteen churches) He had confirmed that the Community Church was generally no longer viable and was for sale, preferably as a place of worship or community use. S Wright pointed out that the URC put funds into the Community Church and queried where they stood as regards to a sale.

It was proposed that the Parish Council should go ahead and apply for the grade two building to be registered as an Asset of Community Value, which would give six months protection and time to evaluate the situation. Although it was reported that there had been no hirings of the premises there has not been anyone available to take bookings. The Village Hall seems to be over subscribed and difficult to contact therefore the Community Church as a space may still be a viable asset.

22/0108 **Date of next meeting** to be arranged after the meeting with Southwell Diocese Chief Executive

Signed: _____
Chair of the Old School Building Phase II Committee

Date: _____