

MEETING OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING PHASE II COMMITTEE

Monday 5th June 2023 at 7:00pm

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

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs L King (Chair) Y Greenfield (Vice Chair) H Chadbourne-Doyle, G Hadjigeorgiou, R Fife and T Hazard

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) J Major, H Metcalf and S Wright

- 23/0138** **Election of Chair of the Committee** - Cllr L King unanimously elected as Chair
- 23/0139** **Election of Vice-Chair of the Committee** - Cllr Y Greenfield unanimously elected as Vice-Chair
- 23/0140** **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Johnson (other meeting)
- 23/0141** **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** - None
- 23/0142** **Approval of minutes from previous meeting – October 25th 2022** – Approved and signed by the Chair
- 23/0143** **Funding position** – Section 106 Funds received from Gedling Borough Council (GBC) in March 2023 totalling £69,964.39. Following the subsequent attempt by Old School Trust to halt investment in the site, GBC's legal department have now reviewed documentation confirming security of tenure on 125 year lease for the Parish Council and confirmed expenditure may go ahead as planned. Public meeting organised for 20th June to provide village with an update on Parish Council's actions regarding the Old School Trust.
- Further funds are available through the National 'Community Ownership Fund' via GBC, with low levels of match funding required (20%). J Sherrin to investigate. As per the s106 application, agreed project should be phased with initial investment of £70k and designs for a more ambitious plan to encompass bigger funding streams.
- 23/0144** **Initiate design plans for Old School site**
Original brief to designers reviewed. Agreed that it was still appropriate: "To provide an open, accessible, outdoor, flexible, covered community space with a garden to create / reinforce the heart of the village". More catchy project name still required. 'Green Heart' suggested as a possibility. Agreed that it could be put to the community to suggest one in consultation process. Noted the old classroom has been demolished and the slab cleaned up since the original brief and many of the surveys have been carried out. Success of Jubilee and Coronation events on the site confirmed the appropriateness of the site as a village hub. Agreed that having a covered area for events was key in the design. Also storage and to resurface old

tarmac. Needs to be appealing and all-weather. Recommended that in the phased design the work should start at the back of the site and work forward to prevent damage to newly installed surfaces etc.

Consider seeking support from new builders' merchants in Netherfield.

Agreed for J Sherrin to contact the consultant originally selected to undertake the designs to arrange meeting and seek revised costings. To send surveys already done and ask if they can do surveys that are outstanding.

At the Public Meeting on 20th June have information available of positive moves being taken to enhance the site.

23/0145 Village Centre Plans from VIA

General feedback was the plans were not what had been anticipated based on the brief provided. They addresser part but not all of the brief. Options 2 and 4 were most favoured, with Option 4 pushing the boundaries most. The expectation was for more creative and innovative ideas, e.g. to include more on shopfront designs and 'masterplanning' for whole village. Consensus that a zebra crossing was not needed, but instead more pedestrian-friendly surfacing and reduced speed limits for a shared space.

Examples to explore include Ratcliff On Soar and Ruddington as good examples.

22/0146 Agreement on actions

- Contact the concept design company to arrange meeting – LK/YG/GH
- Hold back on sending village centre feedback
- Review examples of successful village centre developments

22/0147 Date of next meeting - TBA

Meeting closed 8:20pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the OSB Phase II Committee

Date: _____