

## **MEETING OF THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING PHASE II COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7:00pm**

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

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs L King (Chair) Y Greenfield (Vice Chair) S Cohen and H Chadbourne-Doyle

**In attendance:** J Sherrin (Clerk) and C Helmore

**23/0148**      **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs G Hadjigeorgiou, R Fife, T Hazard and J Johnson.  
J Major, H Metcalf and S Wright.

**23/0149**      **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** – None.

**23/0150**      **Approval of minutes from previous meeting, June 5<sup>th</sup> 2023** – Approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**23/0151**      **Review of designs received from consultant for feedback**

Design of proposed covered structure not considered to be appropriate – too heavy and not in keeping with the surroundings. An alternative identified with wooden posts and a clear polycarbonate roof (to allow natural light into the area) preferred – J Sherrin to send example from own design board to consultants. Agreed that materials used were important to make it attractive. Concern that tensile structures will not weather well. Posts from structure to be outside the concrete plinth to maximise hard-standing space for events.

For area at front of building adjoining nursery playground area. Nursery to be consulted on items they think would be suitable to entertain small children (not playground equipment) e.g. hop-scotch etc. This will be at a later phase of project.

Garden area – Path colour and type liked. Path design needs to be more sinuous / curved and natural looking and better integrated into the garden. Consider breaking into some of the tarmacked areas to join the two areas together. Sleeper area marked for sensory planting – ask designers to extend the garden / planted area from corner of the outbuildings to increase green space. Sensory planting to be part of overall scheme and not a separate area for greater inclusivity. To include herbs such as lemon thyme, mint etc. Planting can be built up as get more of a sense of the use of the area once the main structures are installed. Can invite schools / nurseries to plant if interested. Important to keep grassed areas flat to allow for casual seating for performances / events. Circular bench around the tree needs to be tight against the tree due to limited space. New trees on perimeter need to be slow-growing, low maintenance and light and airy, e.g. silver birch. Apple trees dismissed as attract wasps and rot and smell if not picked. Proposed picket fence across carpark not conducive to holding big events in which parking area is used for

tables, chairs, mobile food vans etc. Lighting to be considered and included in design (and to include some sensor lighting for safety).

Conclusion – to go back to designers with these comments and invite back to talk through in person. Once further revisions are completed to present draft design to residents at an open day to gain feedback. Eager to ensure it meets the needs of the community.

**22/0152      Date of next meeting - TBA**

Meeting closed 8:30pm

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Chair of Old School Building Phase II Committee**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_**