


Stoke St Gregory
Heart of the Village Steering Team
3rd Preliminary Meeting
Aug 14th 2018

Present: Chris Reah,, Mike Blair, Lawrence Baldwin, Sam Smith, David House, Graham Glead.

Three members of the public

Apologies: Nick Sloan, Sara Sollis

- 1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2018 were approved.
- 2. Bursary Application:**
 - 2.1.** The Bursary Application circulated with the previous minutes was modified according to the comments received.
 - 2.2.** On advice from Viv Price (Plunkett Foundation) the form was submitted immediately as the bursary scheme is reaching the end of its funding.
 - 2.3.** Bank details were covered by the Parish Council while a Steering Group bank account is being created (see below)
 - 2.4.** Acknowledgement from the Plunkett Foundation that the form had been received was supported by the comment that a response could be expected in the short term.
 - 2.5.** As described in the form bursary money will be allocated to Business Buyer and Structural surveys, along with affiliation to the Plunkett foundation to allow the possible eventual creation of a 'Community Benefit Society'
- 3. Bank Account**
 - 3.1.** On the advice from Lawrence B the Cooperative Bank was contacted in order to set up an account, but as we are not either a registered charity or recognised by the FSA we are unable to meet their criteria
 - 3.2.** HSBC offer a Communities, Clubs and Societies small business account and application for such an account is being prepared.
 - 3.3.** Sara S has indicated that she would rather not be a signatory for the account. Chris R volunteered to be the alternate to Sara.
- 4. Comments from Ian Upshall**
 - 4.1.** The minutes of the last meeting were circulated to both Ian and Karen in the Village Stores and Nicola at the RO. Ian volunteered to offer comments at this meeting. A note prepared by Ian based on his comments at the meeting can be accessed by clicking this link.

HOTV comments
from Ian 14 Aug 18.c
- 5. Communication**
 - 5.1.** The importance of good communication was discussed. The credibility of the project depends upon providing a clear explanation of the circumstances of the project, clarity around roles

and purpose and actions being taken. Credibility will be lost if there is a failure to communicate. Gossip will always fill a communications vacuum.

5.2. Lawrence B will re-familiarise himself with Wordpress so that the page created on the Village website can be populated. Content will be shared with the group before publication, but meeting minutes will be published.

6. Next Meeting

6.1. It was felt that the next meeting should address the possible options available to the Heart of the Village project. A 'brain dump' approach with a subsequent follow-up was for August 23rd and 30th, 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Additional Item

Heather Venn, present at the meeting as a member of the public, requested to join the group. Her participation was agreed.