

Heart of the Village Steering Team
The Williams Hall
Meeting August 5th, 2019, 7:30PM

Present: Sam Smith, Graham Glead, Nick Sloan, Sara Sollis, Heather Venn, Mike Blair, David House and Hannah Puddy.

Apologies: Chris Reah, Sophie Harris.

Public: Martin Tuck, Marilyn Clock and Paul Fielding

Minutes approved – to note date was incorrect.

4. Launch of the Share Offer

- Feedback
 - Talk of the village is positive
 - Graham to put share prospectus in pub
 - Regulars in pub negative
 - Gazette online has a positive article on the Facebook page.
 - Graham to send out a weekly summary of what is going on and a total with graph.
 - Nick to submit expenses
 - Graham to speak to Gill about a leaflet drop (500) Sara, Marilyn and Paul have offered to help with this.
 - A4 poster – needs more impact and easier to read
 - Posters to be displayed on Parish notice boards and playing fields, not just Stoke St Gregory
 - Banners to be moved around – the one opposite the shop to stay put.
- Status of Offer
 - Slow going as of the launch - £17,000 in bank – positive start.
- Totaliser
 - Graham to ask Nicola to put up the totaliser on the pub wall – 8ft high
 - Nick showed a picture of what the totaliser may look like – all agreed it was brilliant – thank you

5. Contingency plan.

- Rent side of pub to put shop in prior to completion. Heather says not practical
- Contingency for the shop – rent, look at places for example Williams Hall, the church room, rent a Portakabin - a Manager – volunteers – insurance – public liability – electric – security. It was noted the meeting room is not practical in the lead up to Christmas. Need to look at this with ideas at the end of September
- Look at another contingency plan if the target is not met.
- Rent shop space if property not sold.
- Graham to discuss Paypoint with Nicola to have it in the pub.

6. Shares Booster

- Supply chain
 - Revise business plan and covering letter
 - Dave Hollins to add in and take out – resubmit
 - Deli are very keen to be involved
- Young person's participation
 - No Shares
 - Proxy share – need to vote

Engage young people how?

Site a group to manage

13/14 up to 17

Parish council cannot be proxy holders

Look at paying two youth workers - same as Creech St Michael

Ask the kids and what they want

More discussion is needed on this

7. Other fund raising

- More than a pub application received
- Esmée Fairbairn ready to go
- Crowd match – power to change
- Prince's countryside
- Graham to ask if Parish Council can invest?

8. Jobs and role descriptions

- Need specifications.
- Plan and prepare – Line manager, and shop manager – possible to job share
- Interview possible mid-October
- Look at Payscale.com for salaries.

9. Next meeting: drop in session

- 2nd September
- Free beer, tea and coffee
- Need to ask about scouts

10. Any other business

- Flooring for shop – Simon Willey going to do a quote
- More drawing etc for plans