



**SAVE OLD SCHOOL:
Group Meeting in the Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe,
26th September 2011 at 8.00pm**

PRESENT: Carol Tarrant
Anne Eastwood
Sylvia Simmonds
Les Laing
Sandie Emmerson
Jane Custance
Sue Nicholls
Tessa Smith
Bob Corn

APOLOGIES: Alex and Owen Wynne
Lukas McCormack
Martin McCormack
John Wallis
Jeannette Wallis

Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting which had been called to further discuss proposals in connection with the Old School Building in the centre of Ivinghoe, and its possible future for the community.

- 1.0 Ivinghomec:** Tessa and Sue gave a presentation of their 'Ivinghomec' Business Proposal – stressing their anxiety to give a Community feel to proceedings, and that they would be very pleased to be part of the 'Community Hub'.
- 2.0 Questionnaires:** noted that we have collected in almost all that we are going to receive – noting that around 20 of the respondents have indicated that they would be happy to help and/or join the Steering Group. Sandie is now to collate them all, and produce a spreadsheet of the findings.
- 3.0 Can we do this?:** Carol reported that the meeting which we had hoped for with Bucks Property Department, and with a Bucks CC Community Person, had taken place without us, but with our County Councillor Avril Davies – who had come to see Carol earlier this day afternoon. Apparently the County require a two-stage submission – a preliminary 3 or 4 page document by 31st October 2011, with a rather fuller document by 31st December 2011. Carol had previously made a couple of pages of notes during a previous conversation with Robert Ellis (Bucks CC Property Department) – Sandie to scan for circulation to the Group. Also, Carol had had a telephone call from 'Community Matters' this morning – a person called Liz Cleverly – suggesting that we join the Community Matters 'Community' for a fee of £22.50, which gives unlimited access to their information schedules, and the services of an 'expert' for one consultation, once a year. Everyone present at the time contributed £3 to pay for the membership subscription – Bob to sign up the Group.

Discussion took place as to the viability of the Old School Hub as against the Town Hall – do we need both in the Village? Thus, a very clear statement as to the aims and distinct qualities of the Old School 'offer' needs to be made, to make it clear that the Old School is not competing with the Town Hall – it is adding to the provision in the Village.

In answer to the question ‘Can we do this?’ the meeting felt that we could do it, and thus we should be enthused!

4.0 Meeting in the Old School: Noted that Cllr. Avril Davies felt that a meeting within the Old School Building could take place after the Business Plan had been accepted by the County Council – i.e. after 31st December 2011 (if the Business Plan is accepted!); this meeting would allow a Graphic Display of proposals and discussion with interested Villagers as to the way forward - Avril indicating that she thought that the meeting could take place throughout a morning.

5.0 Any Other Business:

5.1 Ownership of the Building – Carol to write to the County Council asking them to indicate proof of ownership, since we had understood that the Countess Alford (wife of Earl Brownlow) had bequeathed the building ‘in perpetuity’ to the Village.

5.2 Existing Building Services – Carol to speak to Lorna Harvey (a past Parish Clerk) to find out more about services within the Old School Building..

6.0 Next Meeting: 10th October 2011 at 8.00pm, Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe

