



**SAVE OLD SCHOOL:
Group Meeting in the Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe,
17th October 2011 at 8.00pm**

PRESENT: Carol Tarrant
Joley Brindle
John Wallis
Karen Groom
Les Laing
Sue Nicholls
Tessa Smith
Bob Corn

APOLOGIES: Sandie Emmerson
Liz Raba
Alex and Owen Wynne
Lukas McCormack
Martin McCormack
Sylvia Simmonds
Jeannette Wallis
Anne Eastwood
Jane Custance

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 Basic Plan Drawing of the School: Carol will email the drawing prepared by Bob around to the Group

2.0 Theatre Proposals: Joley gave a brief overview of the Community Theatre proposals – and some background of herself and professional partner Liz Raba's Theatre Company – Flametree Productions. Fundamentally this is a Youth Theatre, now developing into a Youth Theatre Production Company involving groups of children 5-7 yrs old, 8-10 yrs, 11-15 yrs – members coming from the surrounding villages. Joley and Liz visit local schools, also becoming involved with Community Projects, Community Groups, Bespoke Projects, Confidence Building, etc.

Carol raised the point of specific funding – would the fact that Joley's company is based in Hertfordshire affect funding for a project in Bucks? Joley didn't think so. The meeting discussed the fact that work within the Old School would likely involve running Workshops and Community Groups based on their skill-sets –
– working 'in the Community, for the Community, by the Community'. Carol stressed the need for good interaction between the interest areas so far proposed for the Old School – the Café, the Cookery School, the Community Theatre and the 'Work Hotel' – also the need to use the spaces imaginatively for maximum Community benefit in a fairly distributed balance .

3.0 Business Plan: Noted that 31st October 2011 is the date for initial submission to Bucks County Council for the proposals for Community Asset Transfer – Flametree Productions should ensure that they email something to Carol well in

time. There was some small discussion further to aid Flametree in the facts it needed for making its Business plan available, before we bade Joley farewell and proceeded to item four fully on the agenda. Carol will email a list of questions around the Group which require answering by 20th October 2011 for the Village SOS 'BIG Lottery Submission' – and for the 'SilverDreams' BIG Lottery submission required for 28th October 2011 – including the list of skills which are available within the Old School Group – she will also send out links to the Village SOS and Facebook web pages.

4.0 Business: Carol referred to emails which she had sent around the SOS Group earlier this day – reference calls from Stephen Rolfe of 'Locality', Bharti Quinn of Bucks County Council, and from Sarah Allwood of Community Impact Bucks. Evidently Sarah Allwood has engaged the services of a legal advisor – someone called Jonathan – who will come to our meeting on 7th November 2011 to advise re-the sort of Leasing arrangements we need and how to couch that. Also the legal status we might operate under as a Community group with the businesses we are considering sub letting to and what legal status/Community Enterprise we might become to run the Old School Project. Apparently this initial advice is free, but beyond that any further consultations if they are to be charged, we have no funding to pay for!

5.0 Parish advice: Karen Groom, chair of the parish Council, and the Group had a brief discussion as to the history of one or two poor paying businesses which had occupied the Old School from time-to-time, and her recommendations as to how we might proceed; Karen gave an indication that the rent to Bucks County Council for the Town Hall was £600 per year, although contrary to something which the Group had heard, rent for the Post Office and Shop is being paid directly to the County Council.

Following on from Carol's need for some firm facts for the group on Social Care Services interaction with Ivinghoe village and the revelation of the paucity of statistical facts that the Parish holds on this, Carol agreed to send to Karen an electronic copy of the Parish Profile which Community Impact Bucks had sent to the Group based on factual evidence gleaned from a number of sources.

6.0 Any Other Business: Noted that since Carol will now be preparing the Village SOS 'BIG Lottery' Submission (20th October 2011), the 'SilverDreams' BIG Lottery Submission (28th October 2011), and the Initial Business Plan for the proposed Community Asset Transfer for the Old School Building (31st October 2011), there will be no meeting until 7th November 2011 – Carol will pursue assistance from within the Group as required during the periods leading up to the various submission dates.

7.0 Next Meeting: 7th November 2011 at 8.00pm, Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe.

