



**SAVE OLD SCHOOL:
Group Meeting in the Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe,
17th December 2012 at 8.00pm**

PRESENT: Carol Tarrant
Mike Custance

Bob Corn

APOLOGIES: Jane Custance
Alex Wynne

Margaret Holliday
John Wallis

Carol opened the meeting – called specifically to progress Grant Applications and possible Builders to carry out refurbishment works, and to discuss progressing the Sub-Lease documentation.

1.0 Grant Applications:

- 1.1 Mike reported that the Formal Application to the Aylesbury Vale Community Chest had been submitted by the due date of 7th December 2012, and an acknowledgement had been received – which noted that applications from all interested parties exceeded the available fund! We anticipate a response by early-mid January 2013.
- 1.2 On checking the application process for Bucks Community Fund, Mike is to register an ‘Expression of Interest’ prior to submitting an application – this he will do straightaway.
- 1.3 Bob has met two builders on site in respect of estimates for decoration (for which we intend seeking help from ‘Awards for All’), and is meeting a third on Wednesday 19th December 2012 at 12noon; when the three estimates are to hand, he and John can progress the Awards for All application.
- 1.4 Carol has received a quotation from Robert Tucker Associates, Structural Engineer, for their fees in monitoring and putting a strategy in place for dealing with the cracks in the fabric of the Old School Building – Bob is to approach the Bucks Heritage Fund to seek help with the required fees.
- 1.5 Mike to pursue a Vital Villages Grant for help with Roof and Guttering Maintenance, and Roof Insulation; he will consult with a Quantity Surveyor as to a similar requirement specification, and Bob will speak with Builders in this respect.

2.0 Builders Selection: Four local builders have eagerly expressed an interest in the overall project, and will be approached in the fullness of time for Main Contract Tenders.

3.0 Big Lottery Award: Noted that we had initially been advised by email from the BIG Village Lottery in early November that we had been successful with our application for £49,780 – and this had since been reported on their own web site, and in the Leighton Buzzard Observer – although we have not yet received a more formal notification, or the cash! During November, the Lottery had asked for more details – anticipated expenditure, confirmation of the lease, etc., etc., - and the success media advertising had gone ahead on 3rd December 2012, so we must assume that the award is on its way. Bob had telephoned the Lottery people, who had confirmed that they were sifting through successful groups’ paperwork, and

that they were anticipating completion of their ‘sifting’ during week ending 14th December 2012.

- 4.0 Email received from Flametree Community Ltd.:** Carol had received an email from Liz Raba of Flametree Community Ltd., which expressed concern as to the progress of the project – and that they are anxious to be in and doing business in the Old School by 8th April 2013 (initially in by mid-March 2013). The meeting agreed that this date is fully intended to be met, although we cannot yet be categorical since funding is not yet in place, and thus we cannot place any contract with a builder.
- 5.0 Sub-Leases:** Carol reported that Andrea Squires has offered to prepare the necessary documents on the Group’s behalf on a ‘pro bono’ basis – Carol will meet with Andrea immediately after the New Year Holiday.
- 6.0 NEXT MEETING:** Monday 7th January 2013 – at 8.00pm – at Rose & Crown, Ivinghoe.

