



**IVINGHOE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB:  
TRUSTEES MEETING held in the Old School, Ivinghoe:  
CuriosiTEA Rooms 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm**



**PRESENT:** Carol Tarrant  
Alex Wynne  
Hayley Wesley  
Lisa McCarthy

Cath Laidler  
Bob Corn  
John Wallis  
Kate Mackie

**APOLOGIES:** Russell Smith, Margaret Holiday, Sylvia Simmonds,  
Karen Groom

Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting – wet and windy though the weather was!

**1.0 Previous Minutes:**

Agreed as a true and accurate record.

**2.0 Present Situation:**

- 2.1 Carol reported that the Hub was very much ‘hunkering down’ towards the winter – gathering in final vegetables from the garden, packing away summer furniture, etc., etc.
- 2.2 Noted that the donated water butt (thanks Kate and James!) has been plumbed in, as has the external tap and garden hose – and some re-plumbing internally where a major leak had developed in some previously ‘professionally plumbed in’ pipework - thanks Bob!
- 2.3 Sylvia and Margaret have donated lighting and tombola items for the Christmas Market – many thanks! Lisa promised to seek cheap (if not free!) solar lights from her Garden Centre contacts.
- 2.4 Bob tabled his suggestions for the sign and lighting proposed – as he had previously circulated – on a Victorian theme, based around a Victorian style lamp post incorporating solar lighting. He suggested that costs might be around £2,500 given that a base price for such a lamp post is around £1,300 – although John had found a cheaper alternative from ebay at around £400, and Kate suggested seeking a donation from a manufacturer – Bob to pursue. The meeting agreed to the proposal given that a more reasonable price could be achieved, and subject to Aylesbury Vale District Council approval – Bob to initiate discussions.
- 2.5 Bob had sought roofing maintenance quotes from three companies – one village based, one from a company in Wendover, and one from a company in Dunstable; the first had come in at around £10,000, the second had a ‘no show’ after initial enthusiasm, and the third – after some confusion in returning emails – had offered the work for free (thanks Margaret for her help in this!), including on-going maintenance, provided that we could give free advertising to the company. The meeting was thrilled at this last proposal, and Bob will liaise with the company – BPL Roofing Ltd. – to initiate works.
- 2.6 Bob had received the latest feedback from the Structural Engineer who is monitoring cracks in the building – there has been some slight movement in the front wall to the building, adjacent to the sinks in the Community Space; also discussed was a crack which has appeared in the end wall of the Café space, below the gable window – Bob to mention this to the Structural Engineer.

### **3.0 Time directed to other related Community Issues:**

- 3.1 Proposed Gladman Development – we continue to fully support the Ivinghoe Together group, and await formal planning application response from AVDC.
- 3.2 Neighbourhood Development Plan – Carol spoke of the recent initiative led by Ivinghoe Parish Council – all were happy to support this initiative over the next several months.
- 3.3 The meeting reflected on the two awards recently given to CuriosiTEA Rooms – the ‘Best Loved Community Café in the Chilterns’ and the ‘Leighton Buzzard Café of the Year’ – many congratulations to Hayley – also for her efforts in the recent very successful ‘Pop-Up Restaurant’ on a French Theme!

### **4.0 Looking Forward:**

- 4.1 Children’s Activity Day planned for 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – volunteer help is pledged from Carol, Margaret, Hayley, Sarah and Josh – themes will be activities for Autumn and Christmas.
- 4.2 Face-painting and Fun on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 – Carol to face-paint, Cath to be a ‘Witch for the Day’!
- 4.3 Second Indoor Car-Boot Sale on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 – all support welcome.
- 4.4 WW1 Poppy Sales, Exhibition and Concerts:
  - 4.4.1 Poppy Sales to be from a static table in the Cloakroom Area starting 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – with a small Exhibition in the Cloakroom Area – to be manned during Café opening times.
  - 4.4.2 Bob has made a start on the Community Space Exhibition – he has acquired 50 A3 Foamboard Sheets, and has plenty of material to fill them – additionally the WW1 ‘Times’ Newspaper Advert for Flying Corps personnel, and the ‘Daily Mail’ report which included Owen Wynne’s father! Bob is to start to mount the Exhibition on Thursday afternoon, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014. All support is welcome, and Bob to ask Russell if he could re-mount the cardboard aeroplanes, which had been taken down by the ANB artists exhibition.
  - 4.4.3 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014 Concert – 7.30 for 8.00pm – ‘Unsung Heroes’ – song and poetry by Judith Sheridan and colleagues – Wine and Nibbles – suggested donation for entertainment £5 with additional donations for the wine and nibbles; surplus monies on this evening and 9<sup>th</sup> evening to be donated to Amnesty International.
  - 4.4.4 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014 Concert 4.00pm – Community Singing and Poetry from the ‘Oh What a Lovely War’ Concert held earlier in the year at the Church; Trustees to provide refreshments: Hayley – a Zucchini and Lime Cake; Lisa – Scones and Cucumber Sandwiches; Carol – Flapjack; Kate – Fridge Cake; Alex – Shortbread and Rock Buns, Urn, Tea Pots and Polystyrene Mugs.
- 4.5 Christmas Market on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 – 6.00pm – 10.00pm; Hayley has ‘sold’ 25 table spaces @ £15 per table, plus plans for an Elf Hunt, Tombola, Raffle and Build-a-Snowman competition. We need help with Tombola Prizes, Raffle Prizes, Solar Lights, Santa’s Post-Box and Gazebos. Mulled Wine will be offered for sale – Bob has applied for appropriate licence. We have the offer of the loan of ten tables from the Town Hall:
  - Lisa offered to help on the day, as did Kate, Carol and Bob;
  - Nigel Fry has offered his Chestnut Roasting Drums (although he may not be able to help himself on the day);
  - Carol and Bob will sell Raffle Tickets during the evening;
  - Cath pledged her daughters to help with the ‘Elf Hunt’;
  - Margaret will help on the day/evening provided that weather is clement;

Alex is talking to the Hand-Bell Group – and is hopeful of a presence!

Timetable approximately thus:

- 6.00pm Market Opens;
- 6.30pm Brookmead School Choir;
- 7.00pm Hand-Bells;
- 7.30pm Beacon Choir

Bob to ask Russell if his excellent singing group could make an appearance as they were very special last year.

- 4.6 Art Exhibition and Sale on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – opening times to coincide with Café opening hours – a group of artists from the Artists Network Bedfordshire.
- 4.7 Pop-Up Restaurant on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 – based on a ‘Favourites’ theme.

### **5.0 December and beyond:**

- 5.1 Carol noted that we are about to be donated a projector and thus we could consider small scale film shows.
- 5.2 Carol is meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 with Cindy McCreary from Bucks ‘Prevention Matters’ which is a group formed to provide help for vulnerable folk in the community – it may be that we could become involved with this group in helping vulnerable folk in our community – Drop in Breakfasts, etc.
- 5.3 A reunion is being planned for Ivinghoe and Pitstone ‘Old Schoolers’ – or scholars! – to be held in late May 2015 – everyone to spread the word!

### **6.0 Any Other Business:**

- 6.1 Deposit on Room Hire – everyone agreed that we should start to levy a deposit on occasional Room Hirers against possible damage being suffered – Carol is to revamp the Booking Form to reflect this.
- 6.2 John suggested that we contribute something to Hayley for using her Café for our meetings – agreed that we should give her £20 from our recent takings.
- 6.3 ‘Play in the Villages’ – Carol is in touch with this group, who might be interested in working with us.
- 6.4 Bob noted that we have been approached by the AVDC Electoral Officer with a view to our hosting the Polling Station for next year’s General Election – an inspection visit has taken place, and although positive noises were made, we have not yet received confirmation.
- 6.5 A local event as part of the National W.I. celebration is planned to take place here at the Hub on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- 6.6 Hayley mentioned that we are now taking bookings well into next year – so far up until June 2015 – including for our first Wedding Party!
- 6.7 Noted that a window cleaning detail is required for internal windows – Hayley is looking after the Café windows, other trustees to clean the rest before the Christmas Market.
- 6.8 CuriosiTEA Rooms will be serving Baked Potatoes, Hot Chocolate, Lattes and Cappuccinos on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014 as part of the Fireworks Event.
- 6.9 John noted that we have £9,200.67p in hand; also, the meeting noted with gratitude that villager Richard Wade has offered to take over the reins when John retires as Treasurer (continuing as a Trustee) at the end of March 2015 – Bob to invite Richard to the next meeting.

### **7.0 Next Meeting:**

27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm in CuriosiTEA Rooms.

