



**IVINGHOE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB:
TRUSTEES MEETING held in the Old School, Ivinghoe:
Community Room, 27th February 2016 at 2.00pm**



BPL Roofing Ltd.

PRESENT:	Carol Tarrant	(Chair)	John Wallis	(Trustee)
	Bob Corn	(Secretary)	Jeanette Wallis	(Local Resident)
	Sylvia Simmonds	(Trustee)	Phil Cummings	(Local Resident)
	Margaret Holiday	(Trustee)	Barbara Cummings	(Local Resident)

APOLOGIES: Karen Groom (Trustee), Hayley Wesley (Trustee), Alex Wynne (Trustee), Cath Laidler (Trustee), Margaret Halsey (Local Resident), Russell Smith (Local Resident), Hazel Travis (Local Resident), Geoff Travis (Local Resident), Roger Hillier (Local Resident)

Carol Tarrant welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking John Wallis for his hard work in carrying out the work in applying for Registered Charity Status thus far. Carol explained that, in response to our Application for Registered Charity Status, the Charity Commission had suggested a change to Clause 2 of our Constitution – this as detailed on the Notice of Special General Meeting as attached to these notes, and as published by Secretary Bob Corn on 1st February 2016; the Notice of Special General Meeting included the wording for both the existing Clause 2, and the proposed wording for Clause 2.

1.0 Existing Clause 2:

Carol reminded everyone of the **existing** wording of our Clause 2:

‘To preserve the 19thC Ivinghoe Village School by voluntary effort and by any other means exclusively charitable for the benefit of the entire local community as a Hub for social activities that will bring the community together, including opportunities for social enterprise, social interaction and enhance village life. To promote such charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined. To ensure a balance of users so that the premises will never be able to take on any particular majority that would overwhelm the wishes of, or make to feel unwelcome any minority.’

2.0 Proposed Clause 2:

Carol pointed to the **proposed** wording of a revised Clause 2:

‘To further or benefit the residents of Ivinghoe and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or cooperate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of above objects.’

3.0 Discussion:

- 3.1 Noted that Registered Charity Status of itself would not change the way in which we currently operate, save that of necessitating a return being made to the Charity Commission annually.
- 3.2 Noted that one respondent had expressed the view that, although he approved the general tenor of the amendment to Clause 2, he found the wording a little inaccessible.
- 3.3 The view generally expressed by those present was that the wording as proposed was acceptable, noting that the ‘slant’ was away from maintaining a building as such – more towards maintaining the body of the Charity as an aspiration.

4.0 Vote:

- 4.1 Bob Corn proposed that the proposed wording to Clause 2 of our Constitution be adopted; seconded by Sylvia Simmonds – carried unanimously.
- 4.2 Noted that of those who had apologised for non-attendance at the meeting, all had approved the adoption of the proposed wording to Clause 2 of our Constitution, by email, text or verbally – one respondent feeling that the proposed wording was a little inaccessible, albeit acceptable.

5.0 Change to Constitution:

- 5.1 Carol Tarrant as Chair instructed Bob Corn as Secretary to change the Constitution as voted for, to publish it on our Website, on our Notice Board, and on the Facebook Page.
- 5.2 Bob Corn to send the amended Constitution to John Wallis – John will continue to pursue the Application for Registered Charity Status.

6.0 Any Other Business:

There was no other business

7.0 Closure of Special General Meeting:

There being no other business, Carol Tarrant closed the Meeting at 2.45pm.





IVINGHOE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – all welcome!

To be held at 2.00pm on 27th February 2016
in the Community Space in the Hub

REGISTERED CHARITY STATUS

The Meeting is called to discuss a change to the Constitution which your Trustees would like to adopt – specifically Clause 2 – which has been suggested by the Charity Commission in response to our application to become a Registered Charity.

Currently, Clause 2 (OBJECTIVES) of our Constitution reads: 'To preserve the 19thC Ivinghoe Village School by voluntary effort and by any other means exclusively charitable for the benefit of the entire local community as a Hub for social activities that will bring the community together, including opportunities for social enterprise, social interaction and enhance village life. To promote such charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined. To ensure a balance of users so that the premises will never be able to take on any particular majority that would overwhelm the wishes of, or make to feel unwelcome any minority.'

whereas the Charity Commission have suggested a form of wording which reads:

'To further or benefit the residents of Ivinghoe and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.'

Please come along to give your views!