

**Horspath Stone Pit Charity**  
**Minutes of Trustees' Meeting – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.15pm**  
**held at Horspath Village Hall**

**Present:** Mrs B Oakley (Chairman), Mr D Burgess, Mrs P Cook, Mr L Coolman, Mr P Ewart, Mr I Harris, Mr B Igoe, Mr P O'Brien, Mr E Parker, Mrs H Kogel (Clerk). Mr Bearder, Mrs Gillespie, Mrs Franklin, Mr B Lowe.

**Apologies:** Mrs C Riley, Mr R Hamlet.

**Absent:**  
**Public:** 0

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were made on behalf of Mrs Riley and Mr Hamlet.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST. – None.**

**3. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING.**

**(1 Organisation grant application to be considered).**

Mrs Oakley reported that on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, HPC held an Open Residents Meeting to discuss the proposal of a new village hall. To date almost 200 responses have been received with the majority of residents in favour of a new village hall. Some residents requested more information and others gave alternative suggestions to how HSPC money could be spent. There are several reasons for the need of a new village hall, including the insulation in the existing hall which is inadequate, asbestos, the central heating is extremely costly, the boiler and the changing room facilities need replacing, and the floor in the main hall also needs to be replaced. If a new village hall goes ahead, we will be applying for grants towards the cost, but a large amount of the cost will come from HSPC.

The grant application is for the cost of two architect companies who have produced preliminary drawings for a sustainable village hall that will incorporate the Cricket Club, which will have its own separate space, a bigger main hall and smaller meeting rooms. The Scout Hut will also be incorporated.

The next step is to arrange a meeting with a Planning Officer from SODC. Mrs Gillespie stated that she will contact SODC Planning Department to arrange a meeting and agreed to attend along with Mr O'Brien and Mr Coolman. Mr O'Brien stated that if SODC Planning Department will not agree to a new village hall, the project will be over.

Mr Bearder (Independent Advisor) stated that he supports the proposal and asked the approximate cost for building a new village hall. Mr O'Brien stated that the estimated cost will be around £1.25m - £1.5m.

Mr Lowe (Independent Advisor) stated that he supports the proposal and that it should be moved forward.

Mrs Franklin (Independent Advisor) stated that she understands why some residents have requested more information, but supports the proposal moving forward.

Mrs Gillespie (Independent Advisor) stated that she supports the proposal.

Mr Burgess proposed that the grant is awarded in full, seconded by Mr Harris, In Favour – Unanimous. All four Independent Advisors fully support the proposal.

**A total of £3,300.00 was awarded.**

Signed ..... Date.....