

Minutes of the Community Space Open Meeting held in the Village Hall, Church Street, Rothersthorpe on Thursday October 18th, 2018 at 7.20p.m.

Present: Ms J Keay-Blyth-Chairlady, Mr J Morphy- Vice Chairman, Mr J Burrows- Project Manager, Mr A Johnson-Treasurer, Mrs J Johnson-Secretary.

In Attendance:-

Members of the Public- Mrs C Morphy, Mrs J Dickens, Ms S Thomas, Mrs C Nolan, Mrs J Dellar, Mrs H Hiams, Mr G Harte, Mrs A Boyson, Mrs S Lord, Mr & Mrs Snelling.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs S Webb, Mr & Mrs Major

1. introductions- Rothersthorpe Community Space Committee

Ms Keay-Blyth explained that the current committee would introduce themselves to the members of the public so that they were aware what everyone's role is

Andy Johnson- Treasurer

Jodie Johnson- Secretary

Jeff Morphy- Vice Chairman

John Burrows- Project Manager

Joanna Keay-Blyth- Chairlady

Ms Keay-Blyth asked if anyone had any questions about the committee.

2. Current Accounts Public Open Session

Mr Johnson explained that the accounts for the project were available on the village website. He informed the group that the latest fundraising event (the Dog Show and Produce) had raised £410 and the current balance is £1,681.71. He explained that up until now money had been spent on the noise survey and other preparations to get us to a stage to gain planning permission.

3. Planning Permisson Conditions and Update on Progress

Ms Keay-Blyth Explained that the planning permission had been granted by South Northants Council but that there are a number of conditions that need to be addressed.

a) Contamination

Mrs Johnson said that she had contacted 4 companies about the contamination survey and had quotes back from 3.

Listers Geo- Desk Study and Site walkover £900 net (ex VAT), To include additional Soil tests £1430 net (ex VAT)

STM Environmental- Desk Study and Site Walkover- 5 day turn around £850 (ex VAT), Desk Study and Site Walkover- 3 day turn around £1050 (ex VAT)

Southern Testing -Desk Study and Site Walkover £995 (ex VAT)

Ensafe- Have visited the site and we are waiting for a quote.

b) Archaeology

Mrs Johnson explained that she had been in touch with someone from the Archaeology department at South Northants Council (SNC) and was told to send in photographs of test holes. These had been sent in and correspondence from SNC had informed us that the Archaeology conditions have been met.

c) Landscaping

Mrs Johnson said that the work to address the landscaping condition was still in the early stages, we have been sent a document of acceptable plants from the case officer and we need to look through these and come up with a design.

d) Access and Egress

Mr Burrows explained that he had been in touch with highways and they have agreed the path way and road layout in principle, but they are not able to move this forward until the legal documents for the land lease and constitution are in place.

e) Playarea

Ms Keay-Blyth Explained that the intention was to contact a number of play equipment suppliers including Street Scape, Wicksteed and Playdale and ask them to come up with some designs and quotes which could then be shared with the village and in particular with the children.

f) Pathway

Already mentioned above.

Ms Keay-Blyth asked if anyone had any questions about the conditions.

4. Committee Current Roles/Additions to the Committee

Ms Keay-Blyth explained that the current committee were going to stay in place, but we are looking for a few extra members to help us to move forward. She asked for volunteers or for members of the public to ask around amongst the people they know.

5. Fundraising

Ms Keay-Blyth explained that we need to start some serious fundraising now that we had obtained planning permission. Mrs Thomas asked if all the remaining monies needed to come from what we raise ourselves. Mr Johnson said that funding was available from sources such Tesco, the lottery and Mr Morphy also added Mick George. Ms Keay-Blyth said that although this money was available the providers required you to spend it within a set time scale, so we were working to make sure everything was in place with regards to the conditions before we applied to the organisations. She concluded by saying that SNC have a big drive on health and fitness so that is another organisation we can approach.

Mr Johnson explained that one of the next steps was to set up a constitution and it was likely that we would use the model for Northampton ACRE to become a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

6. Any other Business

a) Vote on a new name

Ms Keay-Blyth explained that the site/project had been currently known as 'Rothersthorpe Community Space' and as this was a facility for the whole community and not just a children's play area the committee feel that it is important that the name reflects this. She asked for suggestions for new names which would form the name of the charity. She said that she felt it was important to keep the name 'Rothersthorpe' in the name. Mrs Nolan said she liked that the word 'Community' was included. Mrs Johnson said that it would be nice if we could include the name 'Dickens' somewhere too. The committee decided that some suggestions would be put on the Facebook page, Website, newsletter and notice boards and the community are encouraged to vote on a new name.

13. Dates of the Next Meetings

Thursday 15th November if the venue is available/ Thursday 22nd November.

Meeting closed at 7.41p.m.

Signed.....Dated.....