

Meeting of finance sub-committee held on 16 March 2018 at 4pm

Present: Richard King (Chair), Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chair), Tim Oliver, Alison Richey and Heather James (Clerk)

Mel Rawlinson

1. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and formulate a plan to maybe purchase the Village shop which is currently on the market as noted in the minutes of the PC meeting held on 9th January

Alison had some architect plans drawn up showing the existing and proposed ideas for the shop and house.

The open meeting to put the ideas to the village which was to be held on March 1st at 7.30pm in the Millennium hall had to be postponed due to snow. A new date 21st March when the meeting will hopefully take place, Peter will present a power point presentation, Richard will chair the meeting. The Clerk will arrange refreshments to be made available and take minutes to distribute so anyone unable to attend the meeting will know what was discussed. ACRK (Action with Communities in Rural Kent) will be represented.

Before the open meeting Richard will arrange a business plan and go through figures and set out a draft prospectus, a business plan, for the shop. When this plan is formulated the committee will know how much revenue will be needed from village.

Alison asked the Clerk to contact Mr & Mrs Morrin previous owners of the shop if they still held financial details of turn over etc.

Mel suggested that forms be made available for anyone interested in the scheme, following the presentation, to be filled in and placed in a box on the way out.

If the open meeting is not well attended by villagers and there is seemingly no interest then the venture may not be viable.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm