



Management Committee Meeting

Tuesday 14 January at 5.00 at 13 Tackleway.

Attendance

Dick Edwards (chair), Ann Novotny, Jill Bradley (JMB), Catherine Taylor of the Green Party, Hazel Lloyd, Cllr. James Bacon, Cllr. Dany Louise, Mary Phillips, Richard Platt (minutes), Phil White (treas.), Vivien Harrison, and guests Gareth Bendon, chair of Magdalen and Lasher charity, Tim Wells from John D Clark architect, Catherine Taylor of the Green Party.

Old Hastings House – planning permission

GB introduced the topic and stated that Magdalen and Lasher would not proceed with the development if they had to conform to the requirements of the Conservation Officer of HBC.

He described the history of the home, and outlined the ever-greater need for further accommodation as the population of the home has risen. He then handed over to TW.

TW showed drawings and explained the proposals and the constraints that the planners wish to impose.

The meeting agreed to produce a petition calling on HBC to call in the application for consideration by the planning committee, rather than by officers. RP to draft.

Isabel Blackman Centre

CT asked questions on behalf of local Green Party candidate Julia Hilton to clarify details about the sale of the IBC. DE answered. He outlined the history of the IBC and explained that the only motive for closure was financial.

The moratorium on the sale has been extended to 31 March. The purchase price will be increased by VAT, but this is being disputed, and the interested parties are seeking professional advice on this. DE summarised the fund-raising position, which is approaching the target. The bid will hopefully be complete by the end of March.

CT asked a number of further questions, specifically about the “market price” and about covenants on the centre; she made the point that this should be a free transfer. She said that the Green Party would support the campaign to reopen the centre. She will arrange for Julia Hilton to meet DE.

Minutes of 10 December...

... were approved without opposition or correction

Matters Arising not listed as separate agenda items

- Starrs Cottages lamp** – still no action
- Climate Change suggestions** – still no response from HBC. JB said that the council has no clout to require cleaner buses and ice cream vans. JB will raise the issue again with officers.
- Pharmacy closure:** petition is still in progress. A pharmacy is planned for the ice house but not confirmed.

Reports

Secretary – RP Nothing to report; **Treasurer** – PW reported that figures are the same as last month, less £42 for printing new membership cards.

Chairman's report

IBC... DE added to what he'd said earlier that Magdalen and Lasher will hopefully run the IBC if/when it has been purchased. He summarised other new developments regarding the purchase.

Members' Concerns

VH: wobbly flagstone on Croft Road. **JMB:** light outside Stag Inn; filthy state of Bourne bus stop

Future Programme

Tue 11th Feb at PW's. Tue March 10th at JMB's. DE intimated that he wished to stand down as chair and asked members to think about succession strategy.