

The Thorold Arms Community Benefit Society Limited – DRAFT Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting
Commenced 6pm on Friday 14th October 2016, finished at 7.15 pm

Meeting held at The Stag in Barkston

In Attendance: Steve Richards (SR), Sandra Allen (SA), Mike Allen (MA), Ian Tyler (IT), Stuart Vickers (SV)
Apologies for absence from: Rob Morley (RM) and Tim Found (TF)

Abbreviated Agenda / Discussions

1. Approving the minutes from the last meeting – the draft minutes from last meeting were approved.
2. What has the committee been doing? – the website will report what has gone on over the 3 months since the auction.
3. Who owns the pub? - contact with the auction house, agents and receivers has not yet helped us find the new pub owner. People visiting the pub are not giving anything away. Buying the Land Registry details on 14th September did not reveal a new owner. It is currently assumed that there will be no serious attempt to re-open the pub with a long-term future as a pub and shop in mind. We hope very much that we are wrong with this analysis.
4. Update on the CBS financial position – investors' money has been returned, as promised after we were outbid at auction. Various one-off costs mean that the Committee is now financially supporting the CBS. Funding options are potentially still available in order to help us keep the pub as an Asset of Community Value (ACV).
5. Plans for the future – NO GIVING UP! The pub was made an ACV because a huge proportion of our tiny community demanded that this happen. Many nearby pubs in small communities are successful. We stand ready to advise, help and encourage the new owners to reopen the pub and shop. Leaving the building to rot *in situ* is not an acceptable option.
6. Any other business – future efforts and actions will be discussed as soon as the new owners shows their hand.

Actions

- All Find out who has bought the pub.
- IT/MA Update the Website, Facebook, Twitter etc. Create a message to put out on HAMES.
- SA/IT Finalise Village SOS funding.
- SA/IT Keep in touch with the Plunkett Foundation in order to action assistance when we are in a position to know what assistance is required.

To be Actioned at a later date

Submit an annual return (AR30) and accounts every year. The first annual return will cover 11th March 2016 to 30th April 2017. (The annual return and accounts must be submitted within 7 months of the end of the society's financial year.)

Current Allocation of Roles within the Steering Group

Chairman – IT, Vice-Chairman – TF, Treasurer – MA, Secretary – SA

Next Meeting:

Meetings will now be *ad hoc* as required by circumstances.