

**KINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.**

PRESENT – Cllrs Mr R Pickett, Mr T Bevan, Mr C James, Mr N Green, and Mrs T Rees and 13 members of public

1) **APOLOGIES** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies given by Cllrs Mrs S Capewell and Mr C Talbot, proposed by Cllr Mr T Bevan, seconded by Cllr Mr N Green, with no objections raised.

2) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None were received

3) **PUBLIC SESSION**

The following issues were raised in the public session:-

- a) Shrewsbury Arms (currently on ESBC list of assets of community value). The listing of the Shrewsbury Arms as an asset of community value, the formation of a community group to be treated as a bidder for the Shrewsbury Arms and the possible sale of the Shrewsbury Arms were discussed.

A summary of the points raised and discussed were as follows:-

- A community group (Kingstone Community Society Ltd) has been formed and has made a request to ESBC to be treated as a bidder for the property and has triggered the full moratorium period (ending on 19th March 2019), the group made the request to ESBC to have the Shrewsbury Arms added to their list of assets of community value.
- Kingstone Community Society Ltd has asked the parish council if they are in support of the group's bid to purchase The Shrewsbury Arms.
- Kingstone Community Society Ltd has approached the parish council to request the parish council's support for their purchase of The Shrewsbury Arms including possible forms of financial support.
- The group is in the process of developing a business plan (to be based around existing similar cases) for the possible purchase and asked that an item be placed on the agenda of the next parish council meeting, so that this and further information can be discussed at the next parish council meeting. No building survey has been undertaken at present. The group will also do further research on the process which the request to be treated as a bidder has triggered.
- Cllr Mrs T Rees offered her support, as a parishioner for the project.
- Possible uses for the Shrewsbury Arms were discussed, including other community facilities such as café, shop, post office etc, however at present the group is unsure as to what will be included until their business plan is drawn up ie community hub or community pub.
- The group is in the process of developing a website where all of the information regarding the possible purchase will be published.
- The group is potentially looking at a combination of a share offer, grants and loans to finance the possible purchase and running of the pub and will be approaching the Plunkett Foundation for advice.
- Questions previously raised via e-mail from the group were answered by the parish council.

4) **SHREWSBURY ARMS** (currently on ESBC list of assets of community value):-

- a. To discuss the possibility of an Expression of Interest by Kingstone Parish Council to be treated as a bidder for the Shrewsbury Arms, Kingstone, on behalf of the Kingstone Community Group

Since an expression of interest to be treated as a bidder has already been successfully made by Kingstone Community Society Ltd, this item was not discussed.

- b) To discuss other possible areas or ways in which the Parish Council can facilitate the work of the community group

The issues and points raised in the public session were discussed and the council felt that they needed more information regarding the proposals of the group and the possible business venture. The council discussed the matters raised by the community group and broadly supported the concept of a community hub. It was **RESOLVED** for a member of the parish council to attend meetings of Kingstone Community Society Ltd to act as a point of liaison, proposed by Cllr Mr R Pickett, seconded by Cllr Mrs T Rees, with no objections raised.

ACTION – clerk to research the council’s ability and possible ways to support the group, find out remaining funds left in the development fund and contact the SPCA for further information and advice. Clerk to add item to agenda of next meeting in order to discuss the matter further.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.