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MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE HALL WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2021 AT MINSTER LOVELL METHODIST CHURCH

Present: Cllr. Jean King (Chair), Cllr. Colin Alderman, Cllr. Jonathan Stowell, Cllr. David Haley, Cllr. Chris Jones, Alexandra Molton (Clerk).

Apologies: None

1. Welcome / Members present and apologies for absence.

No apologies.

2. Declaration of interest in agenda items.

Cllr. Haley declared an interest as Chair of Minster Lovell Playing Field Trust (MLPFT). Cllr. Alderman declared an interest as as a member of the Parochial Church Council at St Kenelm's Church.

3. Update on the current situation.

The Clerk confirmed that she has not yet been able to secure a solicitor to give advice on an Albemarle lease but has contacted a local firm and will chase this up if no response is received shortly. Cllr. King suggested that the Clerk contact the Charity Commission to see if it is able to provide any advice about an Albemarle lease. Cllr. King also suggested contacting other Parish Clerks to find out about any other local Councils who are involved in a similar scheme.

ACTION: Clerk to chase up the solicitor for advice and contact the Charity Commission.

Cllr. King suggested that we need to have this information before we can move forward with the Diocese.

4. Plans to move the project forward.

Cllr. Stowell suggested that the working group needs to know more about the potential finances involved with the project (particularly to replace the tennis courts) before we can approach the Diocese with a proposal.

Cllr. Jones suggested that the working group could pursue both working with the Minster Lovell Playing Field Trust and initiate discussions about St Kenelm's Hall with the Diocese at the same time.

Cllr. Alderman proposed that the working group continues to pursue both routes simultaneously; seconded by Cllr. Stowell and agreed by all.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Diocese, Rev. Hugh White and Rev. Toby to arrange a meeting to discuss the future of St Kenelm's Hall with the Village Hall working group.

The Clerk asked the group whether it was certain that a new tennis court could be built on Ripley Avenue as the covenant over the land suggests that no permanent structure can be erected there. The working group confirmed that as the Parish Council are the Trustees for the area it would up to the Council to decide this. Previous examinations of the Deed by a solicitor have suggested that the term 'permanent structure' in reference to the land means that no buildings can be erected on the Amenity Area, such as further homes, and does not apply to recreational facilities as this is what the land is protected for.



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The Clerk confirmed that a quick online search suggested that a new tarmac tennis court with fencing would cost in the region of £30,000 – £37,000.