

Ref: Trust Deed dated 1 July 1980

The village community purchased the old village school in Stow Road from the Cambridgeshire Education Authority on 1st July 1980 to be used as the village hall under governance of a registered Charitable Trust. The Trust to be administered by an elected Village Hall Management Committee as Charity Trustees with the Parish Council as Custodian Trustees.

Sale of the old village hall was completed in **June 2002**.

EGM 9 Feb 15 Committee elected

Grahame Leach Chairman

Raine Thompson Treasurer

David Henrick Secretary

Lyndy Pullan

Stephen Bowring Co-opted member (with voting rights) representing St James Church

Peter Edwards

Michael Robinson Spaldwick Parish Council representative (joined in June 2015)

The new Committee started to gather information from the previous Committee regarding the situation with the Village Hall project. We were never given most of the Minutes from previous years and that has been very strange and has not helped the new Committee move forward. Any information on their whereabouts would be welcome. Documents relating to the project have been logged and archived - drawings and options for a site for a village hall, copies of the Village Plan and Business Case etc.

Minutes of Village Hall Committee meetings are posted on the Village website at:

<http://www.spaldwick.com/villagehall> with an email account set up for enquiries: villagehall@spaldwick.com

Contact was made with HDC Planning department and a meeting took place with Paul Bland on 15 April 15 - Grahame Leach and David Henrick attended. Paul Bland provided some background regarding the proposals for a Village Hall in Spaldwick. The area known as Bury Field, by the Church, was a strong preference as there would be benefits to the Church - parking and toilet facilities nearby. Paul Bland promised to contact Heritage England regarding the Bury Field site as there is a belief that this area is of archaeological interest and building permission may not be approved! Paul Bland also agreed to contact the Landowner's agent Robinson & Hall.

Contact was made with Jim White who attended the Committee meeting in September. Jim was asked to help with contacting members of the HDC Planning department as no response had been received for several months.

Attempts were made to improve the interest rate for funds currently held with CCLA.

Committee meetings were held in March, May, June, July, and September - during which time options and ideas were exchanged.

Peter Edwards and David Henrick met with Andrew Barr (Robinson & Hall) the Landowner's agent on 22 September 15, to discuss the Bury Field option and understand the aims of the Landowner. Andrew Barr confirmed that the Landowner wanted to leave a legacy to the village providing benefits to the residents. A viability study was undertaken - 6 dwellings of 4/5 detached properties would provide funds to support other facilities - namely- access roads - shared car park for the Village Hall and Church plus a recreational area. Various steps need to be taken to achieve the required planning approval:

Archaeological surveys, highways department involvement, Landscape, drainage etc. at a cost to the Landowner.

The meeting concluded that in order to move forward the interested parties should encourage HDC Planning to meet with Village Hall representatives and the Landowners agent to agree a way forward.

This is currently in progress - no date set as yet (7 October 15)

The Committee are seeking advice from other local Village Halls regarding the costs of maintenance and how facilities are managed.

It is estimated that building costs may be in the order of £500000.

The Spaldwick Village Hall fund stands at approximately £260000.

The next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee is on 9th November 2015

If you have any comments or questions please contact us at: villagehall@spaldwick.com

Or telephone The Secretary on 01480896556

Suggestions and ideas are also welcome.