

Cranwell, Brauncewell and Byard's Leap Parish Council



Minutes of the Community Pavilion Sub-Committee meeting of Cranwell, Brauncewell & Byard's Leap Parish Council

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Minutes of the Community Pavilion Sub-Committee meeting of Cranwell, Brauncewell and Byard's Leap Parish Council held on Thursday 1st September 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Participating: Chairman: Cllr Mr T Batten

Councillors: Cllr Mr M Pears, Cllr Mrs M Cassidy, Cllr Mr M Cassidy, Mrs C Batten, Cllr Mr M Collier. All present.

The meeting was opened at 7.08 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting on August 1st were taken as read and approved unanimously.

Cllr Pears explained the agenda for the meeting. This was to (hopefully) make a definite decision about the future plans for the Pavilion. It was agreed that the prevarication had gone on too long through waiting for more possible grants and donations and through concern about the rising cost of the building. It was agreed that the meeting needed to make some definite decisions about how to proceed.

Three scenarios were described :-

- 1) Cancel the whole project.
- 2) Continue to try to raise money to build the original brick building – need in excess of £100,000.
- 3) Abandon the idea of the brick built building and concentrate on trying to get a comparative but cheaper wooden building for our budget of approx. £180,000.

Cllr Pears explained that after further research there was no possibility of obtaining any money from the sources mentioned at the last meeting or by going back to the National Lottery again (and waiting many months to find out). After much discussion it was agreed to abandon the idea of the brick built building – and to give up on the hope of obtaining any further funds from charities and sports bodies. It was agreed to concentrate on getting option (3) – a wooden building within our budget.

There was a discussion about the Old School now becoming vacant – and the possibility that by selling it the money could be used to fund the brick building. It was agreed unanimously that we would not be considering selling off that building in the foreseeable future as it should remain an asset for use by the village. We also discussed the situation with demolishing the portacabins near the bowls club. It was agreed that this should not be done until it coincided with a new-build unless they were condemned as dangerous after an appropriate survey. The main Parish Council were consulting about obtaining quotes to have it, and the other P.C. owned buildings, surveyed for asbestos. The members acknowledged the need to maintain the availability of the portacabin facilities as far as possible for the organisations using them.

After much more discussion a process was agreed to make progress:-

- 1) To research the cost of the wooden buildings. Cllr Pears had already acquired an estimate of around £152,000 for a building similar to our existing plan but this was not “turnkey” and did not include someone to do the project management. It was agreed that, if possible, we wanted a “turnkey” process. Cllr Pears was tasked with obtaining more information, estimates, etc.
- 2) Once the information was collated we would produce a leaflet that set out the new plans and why we were now in this position. This would be distributed to every house in the parish and it would invite comment, questions etc.
- 3) A public meeting would then be arranged to provide further explanations and to give members of the public the opportunity to question the actions of the P.C. Hopefully our intended contractor would be able to attend to explain the build etc.

It was agreed that we will probably need to go back to Planning again and to get more Building Regs. Hopefully this could be part of the “turnkey” package.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.