

Notes of a meeting of SMPC on 10/06/2019 to explore new ways of approaching the arrangements for the proposed village hall

(As suggested by W Amis, Chief Officer,
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC))

Present: Sue Bettney (notetaker), Karen Esposito, Lawrence Flint, Colin Hall, Paul Spooner, Reuben Thorpe, Chris Tsielepi

Broad agreements:

- Councillors established that, in principle, they were in support of the building a village hall
- The playing field must remain in parish ownership in perpetuity
- A joint community enterprise, including fundraising, between SMPC and SMILE could be more beneficial than the current lessor/lessee arrangement
- Any plan must include a viability study/business case and identify risks as well as benefits
- Any plan must have the backing of the community
- Any building, if erected as a super structure (water tight but not fully complete), must be insurable

Plan:

- SB to Invite Helena Stubbs, Community Buildings Officer, Rural Action Derbyshire to meet with the group to give advice in respect of possible ways forward/funding/terms of reference
- Helena's costs to be initially met by SMPC
- Consider widening the membership of this group following meeting/advice from Helena Stubbs
- Costs for potential on-going support from Helena Stubbs could be shared with SMILE?
- Obtain deeds for playing field from NatWest to check out any restrictions