

**Draft Minutes of the meeting of Walsham le Willows Community Council Executive Committee on 8th February 2018,
at the Memorial Village Hall**

1. **Those Present:** R Barber, M Barber, J Nielsen, I Bartholomew, E Wade, T Roberts, I Campbell, R Belson, S White, F Bloomfield, J Bloomfield and R Hubbard.

2. **Apologies for absence:** M Mansfield, B Wills, S Rossiter and J Clark.

3. **To review Options 1 & 2 for Phase 5 of renovations at the MVH:**

Points made after viewing the extensions marked out around the hall ..

- Reservations regarding loss of car parking space were actually not valid
- Option 2 would necessitate demolishing the existing kitchen first of all so we would lose that facility
- Option 1 would mean lack of disruption as the kitchen can still be used throughout the construction period
- Option 1 would make available a large kitchen plus the possibility of using the back of the bar area as additional prep space

Ian Campbell proposed that we accept Option 1 as our preferred option; seconded by Richard Belson; agreed unanimously.

4. **Suggestions to modify Option 1:**

- Possibly the kitchen could have a full height ceiling to echo the main hall, maybe with a skylight for additional natural light
- The canopy at the front becomes an enclosed porch extension and is extended further across the front of the building almost to the gents toilet window
- This would do away with the need for two sets of doors as existing
- There could be pushchair/pram parking
- Hanging space for coats
- Glazed entrance doors facing The Street.

Richard Belson proposed that we have a porch extension at the front of the building to create a sealed area as an integral part of the building; seconded by Trevor Roberts; agreed unanimously.

Further suggested modifications:

- Information board or mural on opposite kitchen wall
- Caretaker cupboards at end nearest car park
- Secure cupboards against kitchen wall to store cinema equipment etc
- Drop down loft ladder to the existing loft for easier, safer access (still keeping the old, high door facing into the hall)
- The existing bar area would have doors to the kitchen and to the new bar removing danger of doors either opening into these areas or outwards to risk knocking into our visitors
- The existing bar counter could remain as a place to deposit used glasses and crockery rather than leaving them on serveries.

Notwithstanding, it was agreed that the Architect should have a blank canvas to work on, possibly being able to utilize some of these ideas.

5. **AOB:**

Ian Bartholomew suggested that we remove the pear tree and grassed area nearest to the recycling area and replace it with hard standing.

6. **DONM:** Tuesday 6th March 2018, 7.30 in the Six Bells

The meeting closed at 11.15