



COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY LAUNCHED!

The Special Meeting last month was a resounding success with the cafe/shop project being given huge support. The meeting overwhelmingly voted in favour of the Project becoming a Community Benefit Society. This will enable them to approach funders for the new build and to issue Community Shares.

The current Clapham Patching Community Shop and Cafe Project (CPCSCP) committee will be dissolved on 31 March 2016 in favour of CPCSCP Ltd which is a 'not for profit' community organisation. A new website is being constructed to ensure supporters are kept in touch with developments.

At the moment a Share Offer is proposed for launch in May once all documents are in place. Up to this time we are in a period of transition and ask members to bear with us. Prior to the offer a Prospectus will be produced and a public meeting held to explain The Share Offer. When launched the Share Offer gives opportunity for individuals to become members of the new Society. We propose to try to raise at least £25,000 from the Share Offer. By investing in the new building you would help to ensure that the community is provided with a valuable amenity in the years to come.

In the meantime we endeavour to keep all supporters of the project informed as to progress. This will include access to the Rules of the Society. Please contact the Secretary if you wish to see the Rules.

The Grounds

We have been advised the Trustees are registering the land with Land Registry. The CPCSCP Ltd expect to take a lease for the shop/cafe, then Clapham Parish Council will take over ownership of the land including the Recreation Ground.

Permission is required for drain work. Building Control and Southern Water Authority are to be approached to ensure that mains drainage is provided by the end of the summer.

A further pre-planning application for the new building is being progressed and will be submitted to SDNP soon for their comments.



The Community Benefit Society	
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Angela Chapman (Treasurer)	871101
Yvette Fisher (Secretary)	871255
Ted Chapman	871101
Eddie Renouf	871550
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Linda Cooper	

Neil Austine — is invited to specific meetings as a consultant

Funding

Funding for the Project continues with nearly **£10,000** in the bank, thanks to all for your supporting efforts. With the closure of the "old" project committee, providers of identified funds are entitled to have their contributions returned, please ask the Treasurer for details. Otherwise funds will be transferred to the new Society to enable the Project to proceed.