



Happy New Year

FROM THE CLAPHAM AND PATCHING COMMUNITY SHOP AND CAFE PROJECT

2016 promises to be a crucial year for moving forward, this is a brief update on developments in securing a future of our local shop/cafe.

Arun District Council have stated they are no longer able to maintain the land of the Recreation Ground at Clapham. As the Trustees of this land do not have adequate resources to maintain the ground themselves they have offered Clapham Parish Council an opportunity to take over certain responsibilities. We are awaiting details, but initially feel positive, as this would assure the land is maintained for the benefit of the community.

Replacement Shop/Cafe

We are currently drawing up further plans to replace the existing inadequate building. Following previous consultations with yourselves and having regard to costs and design, the preferred building is based on a 'log cabin' concept, an example of which is shown alongside (this is a visualisation not what will be a final planning submission). We hope to submit a formal Planning Application in the Spring. Please note there would be NO threat to the large Chestnut Tree and NO parking on the main field but there may be a need for a lay-by for elderly and disabled residents, plus deliveries without blocking the street. We would ensure local residents can have their say during all crucial stages.



Christmas Fayre & New Year Celebrations

Another successful well supported Christmas Fayre this year followed by the New Year celebrations. The Project team would like to thank all the hardworking organisers. Here's looking forward to the next event in 2016.

Cheers to a great 2016



Fundraising

Fundraising for the Project continues with over **£8000** in the kitty, thanks to all for your supporting efforts. We will soon need to apply for outside funding – a significant challenge but one we will face with enthusiasm.

To get major funds the Project will need to 'morph' into a 'Not for Profit' Company and arrangements are in hand to set up an Industrial and Provident Society for this purpose. It will then be possible to issue Shares to our supporters.

More details of the Company and Shares will be provided at a special meeting

to be held at the C&P Village Hall

on Friday 19 February 2016

commencing at 7.30pm

We look forward to seeing you there

The Project Committee

The Committee listed below welcome any ideas or comments, please feel free to contact any of them

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