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WELCOME

Clapham and Patching are fortunate to have a small convenience store and cafe – The Junction – but this is old, inadequate and needs to be modified or replaced in the next three years to comply with planning and environmental health requirements. As a small concern the business cannot generate enough funds for a rebuild



As many know, a Group was set up earlier in the year to look at providing or enhancing the facilities provided by way of a community owned enterprise. A committee has been elected comprising

Haydn Smith(Chair)	871669
Giles Allen(Secretary)	871372
Angela Chapman (Treasurer)	871101
Ted Chapman	871101
Jeff Kluckers	871523
Max Hobson	871521
Yvette Fisher	871255
Neil Austine	871117
Mike Cooper	

Unfortunately Mike Cooper has had to withdraw for business reasons but retains his support for the project. The Committee has co-opted Neil Austine onto the Committee for his expertise as Neil runs the existing operation (The Junction).

Special points of interest:

- Introducing the committee
- Competition for bright logo ideas
- The Junction— business plan
- New project exhibition
- Fundraising ideas

LOGO COMPETITION

Since the name of the Group is not too catchy we believe it is a good idea to have a Logo which portrays what the community is trying to achieve – a small shop and cafe serving the community, and provided through community effort.

We invite you to submit your idea for a logo by 30 June 2014. The Chair has agreed to provide a prize for the winning entry. So have a go! Simply take your design to The Junction.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Annual Membership of the Group costs £5 per head per year (or £10 for family membership). Attached to this Newsletter you should find an application form if you have not yet become a member. The Committee has decided that ALL income from membership fees will go towards the fundraising effort. Individual Committee members will therefore stand their own costs eg stationery, printing , travelling and room hire. **Do please join the Group to support the cause.**

EXHIBITION

Later in the Summer we hope to have a public exhibition of options so that YOU can have your say!

PROGRESS



An informal meeting has already been held with the Trustees of the Clapham Recreation Ground to inform them of the need for change. We are keeping the Trustees informed and ultimately their agreement will be needed if a new or modified building is to be provided on the existing site.

Arun Environmental Health have also attended a meeting to discuss what is needed by way of food preparation facilities, drainage and a unisex/disabled toilet to serve the premises.

We have started to look at building construction options including the use of straw bales, log cabin, prefabricated and conventional designs and are seeking the order of costs.

We will shortly be contacting the SDNPA Planners to gain an idea of what might be acceptable to them.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The main reason why a community-led project like this is feasible is that it potentially will attract grants from philanthropic bodies and also local authorities, as it is recognised that local facilities are important to retain social cohesion in small communities. The current operation is too small to enable direct funding by way of business loans.

BUT - substantial fundraising is going to be essential as there is likely to be a large

shortfall. We will only be able to provide what is affordable.

WE ARE HOPEFUL that a musical event can be held locally in early September to raise money and are also looking at other ideas. **If you think you can help with fundraising either ideas or action please contact Yvette on the number given on page 1.**



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM 2014/15

Application is hereby made for annual Membership of the above Organisation. Once membership is accepted I/We agree to abide by the objects of the group*.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP requested: INDIVIDUAL / HOUSEHOLD (please strike out as applicable)

IF HOUSEHOLD: No. of persons aged 18 or over _____ No. of persons under 18 _____

A CHEQUE made payable to '**CPCSC Project**'/ CASH is enclosed with this application in the sum of £ _____
(min. **£5 per individual, £10 per Household**)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS including postcode: _____

Email address: _____

Please return to Giles Allen, 2 Somerset Cottages, The Street, Clapham BN13 3XB or any Committee Member (forms and payment can also be handed in at the Junction).

*Objects: To provide or enhance the facilities provided for local people and visitors by way of a community-owned shop and/or café serving the local community. To foster the goodwill and involvement of the community by providing a place to meet in informal surroundings for social activity (further definition of objects can be found in the constitution available on request from the secretary please email giles@winterhearth.co.uk or (chair) haydnsmith@hotmail.co.uk.

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