



# NEWSLETTER

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Clapham and Patching Community Shop Café Project (CPCSCP Ltd)

## Stalemate For Now, But Hope Abounds!

Since our last newsletter at the end of 2017, the Community Benefit Society set up to safeguard the future of the local shop/cafe has continued with its efforts to break a deadlock over the use of the site.

We have met with the Trustees of the Recreation Ground to try to obtain a lease on the land -without which we cannot proceed. The terms offered by the Trustees were not acceptable as they were thought by the Society to be unworkable.

We have met with the Parish Council as well – the Trustees have now proposed that the entire Recreation Ground be passed to the Council via a long lease and the Parish Council would then consider a sub lease to the Society. The Society would then be responsible for running the shop/cafe. We would hope that the current operator will agree to some form of

tenancy or licence, but this has yet to be formally established.

The success of this proposal will depend on The Trustees issuing a lease acceptable to all parties.

The Parish Council , at its meeting on 26 July, considered reports on the current situation, and it seems they are keen to be involved in running the recreation ground. However there is a way to go yet – not least to consider the probable impact on the Council Tax precept, due to the ongoing costs of maintaining the ground.

The Trustees of the land have recently delivered a newsletter to local householders (their Newsletter 6). This gives their interpretation of developments but clearly the situation has become even more complex.





## The Current Situation

Mr Neil Austine continues to provide a valuable service to the local community by operating 'The Junction' as a much loved local facility.

The Society is helping as much as it can through discussions including with South Downs National Park Authority to regularise the current planning position relating to 'The Junction'. We are submitting a new Planning Application to extend the current permission on the existing building.

### **PLEASE continue supporting The Junction by:**

popping in for your local grocery needs and a cup of coffee and delicious cake! Your custom is important in securing a future for the facility.

### **and by: supporting the latest Planning Application**

Please also offer your support to the endeavours underway to secure a long term planning consent for the shop/ cafe. If you go on to the SDNPA Planning website you will shortly be able to see details of our proposals.

With very best wishes

Haydn Smith. Chair, Clapham and Patching Community Shop and Cafe Project Ltd.

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