

# NOTES

Crown and Cushion Great Gransden Group Committee

7.30pm - 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 held on Zoom

## 1.) Attendees:

Nick Collett	Andrew Bowen
Linda Gallagher	Rob White
Tim Higginbotham	Alan Wynn
Derek Wise	Darren Gallagher

**Apols:** Rob Newbold

## 2.) Roles

The following roles were assigned.

### a. Chairperson: Nick Collett

### b. Support Liaison: Nick Collett and Alan Wynn

#### (Including legal position)

Engage and communicate with external organisations CAMRA, ACRE, CPRE & Plunkett

Nick Collett meeting with the Plunkett Foundation 26th April.

Plunkett offer free legal advice and legal advisors and advice that those that follow their business model, have success.

### c. Council Liaison: Nick Collett and Linda Gallagher

Liaise with Council Enforcement, Planning and Conservation. Ensure they are clear on the Committees desire for the pub to be reopened.

### d. Political Liaison: Tim Higginbotham

This position will be expanding our political allies and approaching and engaging further Councillors including Richard West and MP's. Stephen Ferguson and Daniel Martin Ashby are already engaging.

**Action-** Tim to prepare letters to MP Jonathan Djanogly

### e. Legal- this is to be combined with Support Liaison (b)

### f. Publicity: Rob Newbold, Andrew Bowen and Derek Wise

Social Media, Website, press and combining with FB post. Face book will provide a clearer and easier feedback indicator

**Action-** Andrew & Derek to connect with Rob reference creating a Policy document/manifesto that can be added into the website and which will also serve as a reference document. Andrew can also provide proof reading for accuracy. Derek has experience in hosting website infrastructure.

Nick has sent the press story regarding the village's desire to reopen the pub, as discussed at the March meeting, to the Hunts Post and we are just awaiting feedback on whether the Hunts Post will take up the story and in what section of the paper.

### g. Communication and events- Nick Collett

This role is to keep the Gransden Community up to date on campaign progress using google groups.

### h. Communication/ negotiation: Nick Collett and Darren Gallagher

Attempt to communicate and negotiate with the landlords and offer support in any way possible for them to reopen the pub and assist to make the pub viable.

**i. Secretary: Linda Gallagher**

Secretary to make sure we minute meetings, are reminded of deadlines etc.

**j. Fund raising/ treasurer – Derek Wise**

This is not an urgent task, but probably will be needed as we progress.

**k. Project Co-ordination: Rob White, Tim Higginbotham**

This role will map key milestones and timelines via Gant charts

3.) Aims and Objectives – review

We will continue to first and foremost attempt to communicate and negotiate with the landlords and offer support in any way possible for them to reopen the pub and assist to make the pub viable. Communication with the landlords is the first and main goal of the group. However, if there is no response by 25 April 2022 then the group will take advice from the supporting external organisations on next steps.

Alan raised the concern that the process for the group to be a legal Community Group with the ability to bid for a Community Pub, may need more than the 6 months allowed through the ACV process. Although we hope to not go down this route, we should be preparing this option now, in the event of a sale.

4.) Next steps:

- **Action**- Nick & Darren to connect offline next week after easter, regarding contacting the landlords.
- **Action**- Nick to write to the landlords again tomorrow with the first official email on behalf of the group.
- **Action**- Nick to chase the planning Officer at HDC – Andrea Dollard, regarding an update of the 17<sup>th</sup> April Internal enforcement meeting.
- **Action**- Nick meeting with the Plunkett Foundation 26th April.

5.) AOB:

Village petition – This will be included under Communications and events- (see g above)

The name of the Committee was discussed and agreed upon: “Re-open the Crown & Cushion”

6.) Date of next meeting -**27<sup>th</sup> April. 8pm**

Summary of actions:

Tim to prepare letters to MP Jonathan Djanogly	TH
Andrew & Derek to connect with Rob reference creating a Policy document/manifesto that can be added into the website and which will also serve as a reference document. Andrew can also provide proof reading for accuracy. Derek has experience in hosting website infrastructure.	AB/DW/RN
Nick & Darren to connect offline next week after easter, regarding contacting the landlords.	NC/DG
Nick to write to the landlords again tomorrow with the first official email on behalf of the group. <b>Done</b>	NC
Nick to chase the planning Officer at HDC – Andrea Dollard, regarding an update of the 17 <sup>th</sup> April Internal enforcement meeting. <b>Done</b>	NC
Nick meeting with the Plunkett Foundation 26th April.	NC