

Minutes of Meeting Held Monday 16th January 2023. **7.00pm. Woodland Village Hall**

Present.

Cllr Mr C Harding. Cllr Mr A Rutter. Cllr Mr N L Peckett. Cllr Mr P Brydon. Cllr Mr R Teasdale. Cllr Mrs B Land.

Apologies.

Cllr Mr S Land.

Declaration of Interest.

None

Business

1. To consider whether the Parish Council should apply to Durham County Council to register The Edge public house as an Asset of Community Value.

The acting clerk explained an Asset of Community Value is defined as:

A building or other land is an asset of community value if its main use has recently been or is presently used to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community and could do so in the future. The Localism Act states that 'social interests' include cultural, recreational and sporting interests.

Pubs that are listed as ACVs require a planning application to change their use or demolish them (the same protection applies pending a decision from the point when the pub is nominated for ACV status). If the pub is listed as an ACV, these requirements will be effective for the duration of the listing..

Listed Assets of Community Value would stay on Durham CC's list for up to five years. During this period, if the owner of the listed asset decides to sell they must inform the local authority of their intention to do so. The community then have up to six weeks to express an interest in becoming potential bidders to buy the asset.

Once an expression of interest has been received, a further four and a half month pause in the sale process is triggered. This gives potential bidders a total of six months to raise the funds required to purchase the asset, complete due diligence and produce a business plan. At the end of the period, the owner may sell it to whoever and at whatever price they choose.

2. After discussion it was agreed that the Edge fitted the requirements, and that the parish council should make the provision to allow any interested group the opportunity afforded by the Localism Act 2011.

A vote was then taken to decide if the Parish Council should apply to Durham County Council to register The Edge public house as an Asset of Community Value. The vote was passed unanimously.

The application can be submitted online on the Durham CC website. There then followed a discussion as to the points to include in the PC application.

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There being no further business the meeting was concluded

Next Meeting

Thursday 9th February 2023. 7.30 pm.
Woodland Village Hall

This is a true and accurate minute of the meeting as agreed by the council.

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