

## **Cornhill Community Action Status report - 15th July 2021**

### **SCHOOL SITE**

*7th June* - "pre-application" sent to NCC Planning to determine whether CCA needs planning permission in the context that the use has been determined by a public meeting, ratified by CPC and both plans and proposal agreed by NCC strategic estates. Acknowledgement of this stated that the matter was passed on to the North Area Team and a reply to CCA expected by 5th July, (4 weeks!).

*Telephone discussions:* It seemed that individual approval would be needed for each individual occupancy, including (for example) change of use from a school hall to a hall open to the public or likewise a school toilet to a toilet for public use.

It was pointed out that no application for approval for a unit could be made until the unit was let; no unit could be let before CPC has the transfer; and CPC could not have transfer before planning approval was in place . . . . . a circular argument.

*5th July:* the formal reply modified the position discussed by telephone and, at the present time, it appears that the application will be reduced to a "minor development" basis. This normally requires a set of "as existing" plans and elevations and a set of "as proposed" plans and elevations. However, it was pointed out that "before" and "after" elevations are identical and the plans are also identical other than a minor adjustment to update the toilets. NCC could find no copy of the original plans for the school so the current plan was drawn by ED from a poor photocopy. A different type of documentation has been suggested and a response is awaited.

Separately, **Building Control** makes no comment other than to ensure that, where necessary, the small loft space should be divided between units by the use of fire curtains. There is no need to make a formal application for approval as the matter can be dealt with by a simple Building Notice.

*12th July* - MD decided to go ahead and make a formal planning application on the basis of minor development.

### **CCA Bank account:**

After much time and frustration, Bank of Scotland/Lloyds Group was successfully contacted and a bank account is being organised. The formal application forms should be arriving soon and once all the trustees have agreed, it will take about four weeks to set up the account.

### **Village Green:**

It is assumed that application for this cannot be made until the CAT is complete?  
Plans of the proposed green could be started. Who will lead this?

### **Community communication**

Flyers to all households have been agreed by members of CPC and CCA. David has volunteered to distribute them in the village with Elspeth offering to deliver in Donaldson's Lodge.  
Are these also waiting for the CAT to be completed?

## **CORNHILL COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP**

### **Village events:**

Nothing has been planned. The pandemic stopped all the planned activities - Summer Fair, Christmas Lunch etc

There is no-one to steer the group at the moment and the members have been asked if one of them is willing to lead the group, i.e. make decisions about events and start the process. Any ideas for volunteers to join the group will be welcome.

**Cornhill Social History Project** - website updated and oral history recordings will resume soon.

**Churchyard Project** - the original idea was to use the old churchyard as a community space with seats, a sensory garden etc. However, this has now been superseded by the prospect of the Village Green. NCC does a good job of regular maintenance and with a bit of extra input from time to time, this is probably enough. Members of the group have been asked for their views, especially in pursuing the sculpture, Angler of the North.

**Specialist talks** - not yet resumed

**Community Walks** - Mick has been asked if he is still willing to organise and lead these. Janet Chubb led a walk around Carham on 26th June.

**Festive Lights** - to be discussed at the next PC meeting