



Redgrave Cross Keys

Community Pub News Update

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The Village votes “YES”

At the end of March Redgrave residents heard the news that the owner of the Grade II listed 16th century Cross Keys wants to sell the pub to the village as a community asset. Otherwise the pub will close and three holiday dwellings, for which planning permission has already been granted, will be developed on land behind the pub.

A small group of villagers formed a steering group to look into the feasibility of buying the pub, and in the process meet with the Plunkett Foundation, which helped the village secure their popular community shop, and also with Pub is the Hub, a charitable organisation founded in 2001 by HRH The Prince of Wales.

Following a survey of the village to gauge support for the project, a meeting was held at the end of last

month to update residents. An overwhelming majority backed the steering committee to form a legal entity allowing them to secure the purchase of the pub on behalf of the village.



An overwhelming majority vote to pursue the purchase of the Cross Keys as a community asset.

An Expression of Interest to Bid was sent to Mid Suffolk District Council which triggers a six month moratorium expiring on 25 October 2017. This prevents the pub from being sold elsewhere and allows villagers time to raise the necessary funds.

Ian Brown, Chair of the Steering Committee,

explains: “When the last pub in a village closes, a part of the village dies with it and this is the last thing we want. The plan is to buy and refurbish the Cross Keys turning it back into a family-friendly, community pub serving good ales, wines and delicious value-for-money pub grub.”



Steering Group L-R: Andy Barber, Fiona Kenworthy, Neil Smith, Andrew Dickson, Julie Moore, Ian Brown (Chair)

Further ideas being considered include morning coffee and afternoon tea, themed food nights, quizzes, music events and much more.

For further information look for us on Facebook at **Redgrave Community Pub News** and if you would like to help drive this exciting project forward or invest in this important community venture please contact us on redgravcrosskeys@hotmail.co.uk