NOTES OF PROJECT WORKING GROUP

ON 24TH MAY 2019

PRESENT: Councillors Axten and P. Goater

 L. Ruff – Clerk

 County and District Councillor Leyshon

 E. Mercer – Library Service

 J. Ellis – Orme Architects

The general plan was to keep the library at the Parish Rooms for 7 years. If it was to move back to the original building there would be a lot to negotiate eg. a 100 year lease with no rent or strings. If the alterations were made to the building the cost would be £100,000 + and the Council would need to demonstrate that it was a good use of public funds with flexibility to meet the needs of the library, Parish Council and community. If the floor on the first floor was dropped then it would become fully accessible. The Library Trust had paid for the papers and periodicals for the Library for the next year.

Priorities

1. Public building for Street (former Library was a privately owned building)
2. Accessibility day and evening to create a multi use community hub
3. House Street Library on a semi permanent basis at least
4. Building to be able to accommodate a full Council meeting with public attending if and when the Library moved out – at present to be able to accommodate meetings for about 15 people
5. Facility to rent rooms out and use for community purposes
6. Male toilet on ground floor to become a store for tables/chairs, gazebos etc. if building regulations allow + storage under new stairs
7. Facilities available to the community including disadvantaged groups and for all ages to be publicised such as free wi fi and use of IT and gaming equipment
8. Buggy shelter outside which was secure

Consideration was given to the plans for the building and the following points made -

Cleaning cupboard on 1st floor

Block in door to lift area if large room created as this entrance would not be needed

Confidential space for private meetings etc. shared between Council and Library + staff kitchen and rest room

Retain door to service yard but the Clerk to check the vehicular right of way across the service yard as the former Tesco site will be redeveloped at some point

Emma Mercer read out the wish list of the Library – attached

Safe to be on the first floor as this would be more secure but not in the Council office

Proper lift

Rooms for counselling

Storage for the Friends of the Library

Orme to be given the surveys done on the condition of the exterior of the building by Aardman Associates and db+PAUL

Ground floor has different levels

When details agreed prices to be obtained from contractors and phasing of works to be considered bearing in mind the increased cost to reduce the amount of time that the library and Council office was closed

Orme to project manage the alterations and provide the costs of their fees and those of other consultants

Cost to be given for lowering the 1st floor so that this could be considered as an optional extra – to be recosted when the design was complete

Opening The Book to produce the interior design for the Library.