

Salhouse Parish Council – ACV Working Group – 29th September 2021 – 7.15pm-7.45pm

Present:

Councillors Cooper, McCormick, Peachment, Jarvis and Yallop.

The Clerk was also in attendance.

Objective:

Objective of the working group meeting was to discuss whether the SPC should put in a community bid for the Bell Pub as there is an ACV on the property and the Bell Pub has been advertised as “for sale”.

It was unanimously agreed by all to recommend to the next full SPC meeting that the SPC would not be putting in a community bid for the Bell public house. This was based on point 1 and 2 below, and please note other comments at 3 and 4.

- 1) The significant cost of the property being outside the financial reach of the SPC without leveraging significant funding via loans/community fund raising and within the time available to pull this together it would not be achievable.
- 2) That to run a public house without relevant experience is high risk and would be to the detriment of the local parishioners.
- 3) To ensure SPC independence we would not wish to be seen to directly running any business, as the SPC, within the local parish, so would need to take on a landlord role and would need to find suitable tenants – again time would be against us.
- 4) That we understand there are interested parties already talking to the owner so that the introduction of a community bid from the SPC would then invoke the moratorium period which may put the existing offer at risk, which we would not wish to do.