Exelby Green Dragon Newsletter

February 2018

What's happening

For those able to attend the December update meeting in the pub you will have heard about the work to date and the latest bid as we attempt a community purchase.



We were hoping for news back by now and to have had a further community meeting to go through the plans in detail. We know the agent acting for Enterprise Inns (EI) has recommended that our bid be accepted and that EI consider their marketing of the site to have been exhausted. So, whilst we continue to chase for an outcome, it is just a waiting game and as soon as there is some news we will let you know.

In the meantime, our preparations continue. The bid we have made includes the cottage which will need a full renovation. We are seeking some funding to help us with that. To access this, we need to undertake a housing needs survey in the village. This will be conducted by Hambleton District Council and the outcome of this will help us with the renovation plans and funding. This will be posted to you in the next few days. Please take the time to complete and return the survey as it is important for the future of the pub as well as retaining a housing unit in the village.

We have ambitious plans to offer:

- A viable pub with good food and drink, the renovations the pub needs and the sort of tenant we might look for that would be ideal for a village pub to grow and thrive.
- A cottage renovated to provide a decent rental home.
- A village shop that develops with a café and delicatessen offer.
- A centre for community activities at the heart of the village

We need your continued support to carry on whilst we are waiting for the bid to be accepted. Please spread the word Your support is very much appreciated.

If you want <u>more information</u> about the plans, please visit <u>www.exelbygreendragonpub.co.uk</u> or contact:

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