

Exelby Green Dragon Newsletter

March 2018

What's happening

As reported in the February newsletter we were hoping for news back by now on our bid and to have had a further community meeting to go through the plans in detail and formally launch the share offer.



Unfortunately, we are still waiting to hear that our bid has been formally accepted.

We do not think that anything too negative should be read into this. We know the agent acting for Enterprise Inns (EI) has recommended that our bid is accepted and that EI consider their marketing of the site has been exhausted. However, with no other interest being shown in the pub by any other purchaser we understand we are someway down EI's list of priorities! It is only speculation, but we also believe that EI will want to secure a buyer for the land which is not part of our bid for the pub, car park, part of the back area and the cottage before finally determining our bid.

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.

We remain optimistic and our preparations continue 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.

The bid we have made includes the cottage which will need full renovation. As previously reported we are seeking some funding to help us with that. To access this from Hambleton District Council there needs to be a housing survey. This is being conducted by the District Council and is totally confidential and entirely separate from the pub group's work. The deadline for responses has been extended until the end of March and further details are being posted to each household by the Council. The outcome of this will help us with the renovation plans and funding. Please take the time to complete as much of the survey as you feel able as it is important for the future of the pub as well as retaining a housing unit in the village.

We are also hoping to brief our MP Rishi Sunak in the next few weeks to gain his support.

**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.**

For **more information** about the plans, please visit www.exelbygreendragonpub.co.uk or contact:

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