

Framsden Parish Council Annual Meeting April 2023

Annual Report of Framsden Social Enterprises CBS Ltd.

Introduction

Framsden Social Enterprises Ltd is a Community Benefit Society formed in January 2020 to pursue the purchase of the Dobermann Inn and the creation of a community hub for the social and economic sustainability of the Framsden and surrounding villages.

Membership is open to all who support the aims of saving the pub.

The Past Year

The CBS has elected a new Board and this has been meeting monthly over the past few months. Membership has increased slightly with more people buying membership shares.

The CBS continues to work and campaign to secure a pub for the village run as a co-operative community business.

Email correspondence has been on-going with the owner who has now agreed to a survey and valuation and has identified a target price for the sale. The CBS has appointed a surveyor and a nominated a solicitor but despite numerous attempts to confirm dates, the owner is yet to identify a solicitor or dates for a survey.

The CBS has funds available to purchase the pub and it has also obtained development funding to assist with the associated costs. The CBS is anxious to proceed in order to prevent further deterioration of the building and grounds.

Asset of Community Value

The Parish Council's application for a further ACV for the pub has not been successful following the request for a review by the owner.

Condition of the Building

The condition of the building continues to deteriorate and its appearance is prompting some concern within the community. There is concern too about the stability of the outbuildings and their proximity to the road. The owner has employed a builder to secure a tarpaulin to cover the leaking roof and thatch but this now appears to have blown off. The building is therefore in a very poor and vulnerable condition.