

To all residents of Sibford Gower, Sibford Ferris and Burdrop

THE BISHOP BLAIZE, BURDROP

You are invited to a

PUBLIC MEETING

on Monday 20th June 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall

The former public house the Bishop Blaize has been listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV).

One consequence of this is to allow the community to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the property; in order to do so we must set up within a specified time frame a Community Interest Group, which may be either a charity or a parish council or a not-for-profit company.

This meeting seeks to ascertain the wishes of the villages, and explore ways forward. A successful community purchase may use the Bishop Blaize not necessarily or wholly as a pub, as long as it is “a non-ancillary use of the Asset which will further (whether or not in the same way) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community”.

SO

Do you wish to see the public house reopen, and in what form?

What alternative or additional uses do you suggest for the use of the property? Should it be regarded as a Village Hub or Centre as much as a pub?

The following uses have already been suggested: coffee shop, clubhouse, parcel collection service, facility for the elderly, centre for youth work, art centre, micro-brewery, bakery, hub for holiday activities such as biking, pony trekking, holiday lets.

How do you wish the existing interests of village institutions (Village Hall, Fielding Centre, village shop, Wykham Arms) to be protected?

AND

Would you be willing to join a planning group to produce a Business Plan?

How can such a scheme be financed, both for capital purchase and for running costs?

N.B. Information, advice and support on planning and setting up a Community Ownership Venture are available from the Plunkett Foundation (based in Woodstock). Please visit <http://thesibfords.org.uk/cov> for more about this.

The meeting will be conducted by the Chairs of Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris Parish Councils