

AN OPEN MEETING

ABOUT POSSIBLE COMMUNITY USE OF THE
WINFIELDS BUILDING AND LAND

Thursday 5th February at 7pm
Feckenham Village Hall

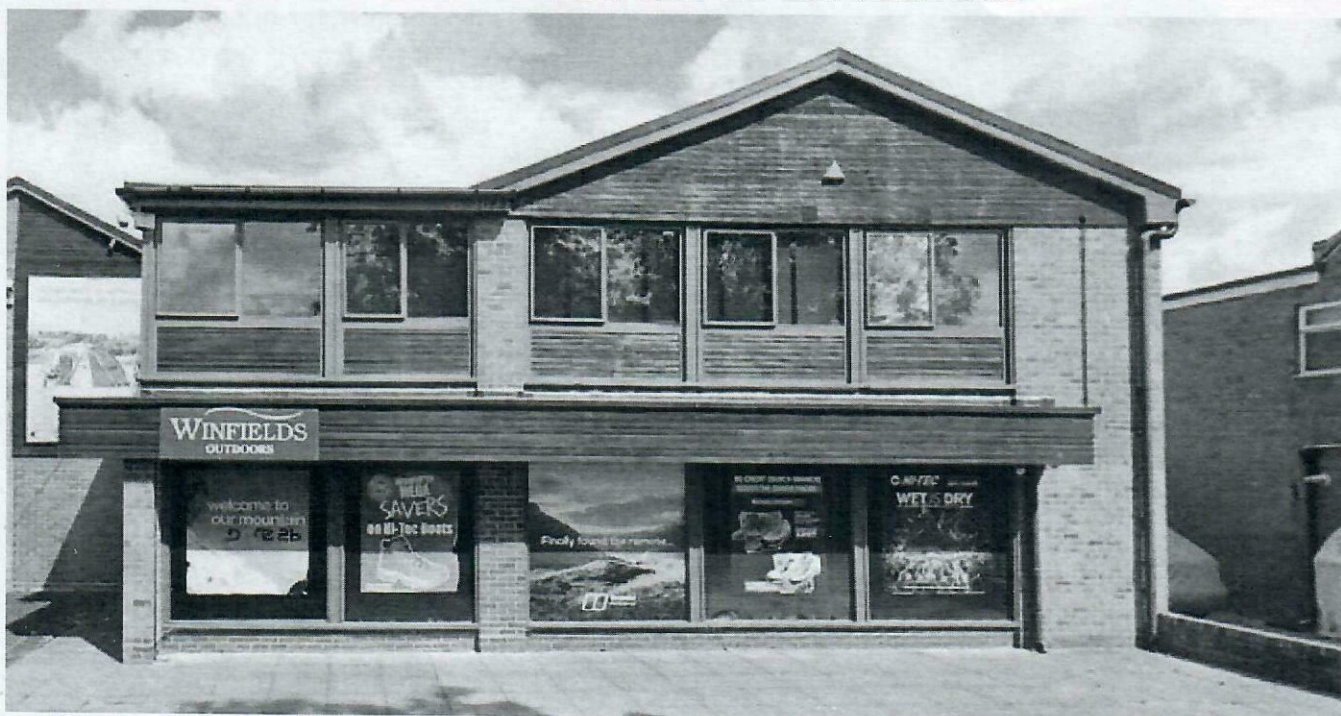
As parishioners may be aware, Winfield's shop is closed, and we understand that the trading arm of the company is in administration.

The property and land however remain in the ownership of
"Winfield Holdings Limited"

The Parish Council have been in contact with the Winfield family and there is a possibility for the property to become some form of community project. We understand that the Mr Joe Winfield is keen to explore this avenue, and, on his behalf, the Parish Council have offered to set up an open meeting in the Village Hall. It is hoped that any interested parties, could attend in an attempt to discuss any proposals, ideas, or concepts the parish may have regarding this possibility.

However, it is important to understand that this would be a commercial enterprise, and that it would attract a rental cost, and business rates where applicable.

Please Come Along If You Have Any Thoughts, Ideas Or Views On Such An Endeavour



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The meeting only had been arranged by the parish council to ensure as many people as possible were aware of a new opportunity in the village. There were 37 members of public in attendance and Joe Winfield joined by zoom. He explained Feckenham had always been a special place to his family, hence why he had continued to offer his car park for the local school to use, and his idea of the Winfield's shop becoming some sort of a community space with small units available to rent.

Questions were raised regarding the possibility of another party who may be looking to rent 50% of the building. As this is commercial in confidence their details were not disclosed.

In reply to a question about Winfield's being insolvent, Joe advised that it was the shop part and not the building which is held as a separate part. The costs of rent for the full building would be around £82,000pa and £20,000 for business rates. It is also available to purchase around £2,000,0-00. Their company has supported other charities, but this would be their first community operation,

Members of public had some concerns this may take money away from existing business's in Feckenham for example a snack bar from the shop and pubs. It was suggested should there be enough people interested they would need to form a committee.

Questions were directed to both Borough and County councillors regarding any funding available. It was agreed there little funding available, but it may not be impossible to apply for funding from other larger organisations such as the lottery. Church Hill centre recently received £1,3 million to upgrade their centre.

It was agreed the PC would send details of existing organisations to Joe.

There had been many ideas mooted such as stables, Yoga studios, Counselling.

The PC thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It was stressed again the PC's involvement was purely to let people know of a potential opportunity but as a reminder it was a commercial opportunity and not a charity type arranged.

Signed:

A Smith

FPC Chair

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