



Railway Inn Steering Group
Minutes of Meeting held on 20th January 2026, 7.00pm
New St, Norton Bridge

Present: Sue W; David W; Ian W; Rachael D; Neil B; Marg A-H; Andy B; Sylvia B; Holly D; Kris D
Apologies: Fran D

Matters Discussed

Minutes – 6th January 2026

Minutes agreed by Committee and can now be shared on the website.

Review of Actions List

All actions have been completed.

The Committee discussed the amount of money required to get the pub ready for opening, in terms of repairs and decoration – and it agreed that we were unlikely to need the estimated £50,000. This is due to the fact that we will be using a lot of volunteers to get the work completed. Also, once we have bought the pub, we will be to apply for grants to help get the pub up to operational standards. David also has gained the interest of the ‘Volunteer it Yourself’ charity – who may be prepared to do some of the work (including materials) for us - free of charge.

Louis Taylor

Ian spoke to a representative of Louis Taylor - who was showing a group of people around the pub.

Next Steps

1. Sue to speak to Justin Jupp who was/is on the Committee of the Farmers Arms in Muker, to get some tips and guidance on their success
2. Neil to do a floor plan of the pub.

Fundraising Quiz

Village residents are going to be holding a Quiz & pork bap fundraising event on Sunday 8th February at 3pm. Sue will advise them that the poster needs to state it is a bring your own drinks event.

Sidney Phillips Valuation

There are a number of errors on the report:

1. There is no mains gas
2. The car park is not included
3. Valuation date is wrong

Neil will study the report to check for further errors. He will feedback to Sue & Rachael. Rachael will raise this with Dean at Sidney Phillips and get the report amended.

Pledge Campaign

1. We need to do a mail drop to the whole Parish. We will post FAQs, Pledge forms, letter & envelope. Ian will organise the forms & Sue & Ian will organise the mail drop from their house.
2. Multiple pledges were discussed – people can submit 2nd pledges if they want to.
3. Kris has written the data protection policy regarding us holding data online. He will post the online pledge form onto the website this week. Kris is now the Data Protection Officer.



4. There will be new update posters going up in the Parish. These will be a different colour to the last one. Each poster campaign will have a different bright coloured background; to reflect the new information it displays.

Website & Social Media Training

This training is taking place on Saturday 24th January at 10am at Amerton Railway. Sue, Rachael & David to attend.

Social Media Fundraising Updates

These will be completed a minimum of once a week. Rachael to action these.

Nick at Plunkett

Sue has sent a list of questions to Nick at Plunkett and is currently waiting for a reply. Sue is hoping to confirm a meeting date with him next week, to plan out next steps. It would be good if a good proportion of Committee members could attend.

Any Other Business

Treasurer Role

After Holly stepped down as Treasurer, Sylvia has taken over the role with immediate effect.

Bank Account Details

David will send details of the bank account to Sylvia and explain current balances.

Go Fund Me Page

The Go Fund Me page wording and fundraising target need updating, to reflect that we are fundraising for the pub now. This needs changing to a target of £275,000. David will action this.

HMRC Tax Relief

We need to start applying for tax relief with HMRC ahead of putting the Shares paperwork together. Sylvia to action this.

Jeremy Pert

Jeremy is being very supportive and is lobbying the Borough Council to try to get a donation towards our project. We also have a letter of support from Jeremy. Marg will contact Jeremy with an update on the Pledge meeting.

Leigh Ingham

Sue has phoned Leigh's office to give her an update on our progress and to see where things currently stand on the 'Right to Buy Scheme'. Leigh was out of the office so Sue will be sending her presentation from the Pledge meeting. She will also be asking for a letter of support from her, in favour of our project.

The Red Haired Stokie

'The Red Haired Stokie' is a local social media person, who may share information about our project. Holly will contact her and pass on Sue's email address.

6 Month Moratorium

It has been confirmed that we cannot extend this.

Next Meeting

Will be at Sue & Ian's house on Tuesday 10th February 2026



Actions:

No.	Action	By
1	Speak to Justin Jupp who was/is on the Committee of the Farmers Arms in Muker.	SW
2	Speak to Nick at Plunkett.	SW
3	Advise on revisions that need to be made to their fundraising poster	SW
4	Look for errors on Sidney Phillips report	NB
5	Feedback errors on Sidney Phillips report	RD
6	Design and print pledge letter and documents to be distributed to the Parish	IW & SW
7	Distribute pledge form mail drop	IW, SW, DW, MA-H
8	Post online pledge form onto the website this week	KD
9	Put posters up in the Parish & surrounding areas	All
10	Attend website & social media training	RD, SW, DW, KD
11	Do a minimum of 1 social media post a week	RD
12	Send questions to & confirm update meeting with Nick at Plunkett	SW
13	Sylvia to take over Treasurer role with immediate effect	SB
14	Send bank account details to Treasurer	DW
15	Update wording and target on Go Fund Me Page	DW
16	Apply for tax relief ahead of issuing share documents	SB
17	Provide Jeremy Pert with a progress update	MA-H
18	Provide Leigh Ingham with a progress update, request a letter of support and share pledge meeting presentation	SW
19	Contact the Red Haired Stokie and pass on Sues email address	HD