NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT of a WORKING GROUP MEETING ACV - Asset of Community Value – The Three Tuns

Meeting held via Teams 31/01/2023

Present:

Alan Briggs, Michele Berkeley, Nicola Cobb, Jan Maddern, Nikki Bugden.

The Working Group noted the strong engagement with the recent consultation – an electronic survey to gather feedback regarding the value of The Three Tuns within the local community and interest in being involved in any future project for the pub to be acquired and run by the community.

- 173 responses were received
 - \circ 99 would like to be kept informed
 - o 41 expressed a desire to be involved
 - o 26 cannot help
 - o 7 identified as non-residents of the parish

A redacted (excluding respondent names and contact details) version of the full survey results is available from the clerk.

This strong public interest suggests that it would be possible to establish a community lead group to take the project forward <u>to investigate viability</u> with participation from the parish council (should it choose to appoint one or more councillors in an a trustee type role) and advice from the charity Plunkett Foundation (<u>www.plunkett.co.uk</u>). There are approximately 40 co-operative pubs in the UK and most of these have been set up with the support of that charity.

As a reminder, if an ACV qualifying sales process was triggered by the current owner notifying Dacorum Borough Council, then there would be 6 weeks for the community to decide whether to pursue a bid and 6 months (including the 6 weeks) to submit a bid.

The Working Group recommends the following for approval by the council:

- To publicise a summarised outcome of the survey in the next edition of the parish magazine.
- To give pre-approval to the clerk to call a meeting of potential interested parties if an ACV qualifying sales process was triggered. This pre-approval is necessary given the limited time that would be available (6 weeks from notification) to formulate an action plan.

Alan Briggs