

## BWMA report to EPC Annual Meeting 2020

Much progress was made last year despite it being cut short by the Covid 19 Lockdown restrictions.

The Wesley refurbishment was brought to the brink of being opened for site meetings by Councillors and BWMA members and we would now be deep in discussions about fitting out the Chapel and the new extension.

The village was consulted and agreed to the purchase of the Greene King School Road site having seen the Council's plans to build truly affordable housing for rent by people with strong village connections. A Community Land Trust, to be comprised of Parishioners, was proposed and registered and is ready to be formed once current restrictions are lifted. This body will administer and regulate the site to ensure that the EPC's vision is adhered to.

The Railway Tavern was included in the sale by Greene King and its fate will be decided once the options have been put before the village.

The office and storage extension at the Blackbourne was approved by Council and six Architects were invited to tender. There are grants available for this once costed plans are in hand and this will be progressed when Government guidelines allow.

Financially, we were on our way to another record-breaking year despite the loss of the Wesley income due to the refurb. To the end of February, income was at £60,417 putting us on course for £67.5K for the financial year, until Lockdown put a dampener on things.

The recent easing of restrictions, however slight, do give rise to optimism and the hope that normal activities can restart in a matter of months.

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Secretary