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Dear Village Life Reader

What a wonderful community turnout to the meeting on Wednesday 23 February. Thank you for coming, asking questions, expressing your views and providing your continued support. There were 82 people at the meeting; 15 households on Zoom and apologies from over 20 others.

We had overwhelming backing to continue with the current deal on the table – which is acceptable to the owners:

- 1. The community purchases The Black Horse freehold, fixtures and fittings
- 2. The proposed tenant, Guy Kersey, pays something for goodwill
- 3. We have a tenancy with Guy Kersey

All three elements of the deal have to complete simultaneously. If any one part is not achieved, then the deal collapses and we revert back to our other options.

However, the meeting (and individual feedback and calls since) have clearly indicated that the community is not willing to overpay for The Black Horse. As outlined at the meeting, the next steps are:

- Meet with the pub owners to discuss structural survey
- Share Issue launch in April
- Share Issue documentation delivered to all Parish Households and available on website
- Share Issue community meeting
- Drop-in Q&A sessions during Share period (April to June)

Watch this space!

Mike Petty - Chair