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Dear Mrs Roberts,

### **Supporting the feasibility of a community project**

This letter is a request for financial support (£570) to explore the use of the Old School House as a community asset for future generations of Woodmansey.

I am writing on behalf of two Woodmansey based charities, Woodmansey Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) and Woodmansey Woodlets. The work of both registered charities is in support residents in the parish of Woodmansey.

Woodlets has been in operation for around 9 years and provides parent and toddler sessions in Woodmansey. The PTFA has been in operation for 3 years and organises activities and fundraising to support children and parents in Woodmansey. Over the last two years we have improved the surroundings, organised educational speakers, paid for books and resources all to enhance where children play, grow up and are educated in.

During 2016, using a mixture of donations, grants and local volunteer time (joiners, builders, painters) we delivered two significant projects.

More recently the PTFA has been involved in the working group created to save the Old School House. The working group needs to generate a business plan and as part of that a feasibility study including a structural survey needs to be undertaken by a professional surveyor. We would therefore like the Parish Council to consider financial support towards the costs of the professional surveyor. As you are aware the House is set for

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demolition and a renovation could save the building for wider community use. The PTFA and Woodlets would be two of the local charities who could benefit from use of the Old School House and have therefore offered to secure a feasibility study that would include a structural survey; change of use implications and costs; grants available to restore the building and adaptations required for wider community use; investigate potential future use such as meeting rooms, nursery and out of school provision.

We have received two quotes from professional surveyors and are therefore requesting the Parish Council support the cheaper quote of the £475 plus VAT. Please note this is a discounted rate from a local business supporting a local project.

In terms of the process, the structural survey will be commissioned and prepared; three builders estimates will be sought using local builders (where possible); a new community charity will be created; East Riding Council will transfer the Old School House to the new charity and the renovations using grants, volunteers and local support from the business community would be organized. On completion and sign off of the building works, East Riding Council will donate £15k (demolition costs) which can support its set up. The building will then be available for community use, managed by the new charity.

In terms of the timescale, we have a very small window to prepare the feasibility study. We need to complete the feasibility before 30 June to demonstrate to East Riding Council that this project can be achieved. This is why we need a grant rather than fund raising to support this phase of the project.

We do hope the Parish Council will look favorably supporting the feasibility of this project which will create a community facility for future generations to benefit from.

Yours sincerely

*S Fletcher*

S Fletcher, Secretary & Charity Trustee Woodmansey PTFA

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