

## **MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MAY 26th, 2015**

Present were Nicky Brooks, Mark Walker, Alan Wilson, Martin Wilson, Eileen Mawle, David Taylor and OCC Cllr Charles Mathew.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes for the March meeting were signed as being a true record of proceedings.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Village Hall.** There are a few slipped / broken tiles on the small hall roof which need renewing / repairing before the problem becomes more serious. Also one tile on the new build needs attention as does some of the cement around the coping stones. The clerk will seek estimates for the cost.

**Car parking at the village hall.** A matter raised by the chairman of the VHC. Various ideas were discussed as to how this can be increased.

- Allowing parking under the trees to the right of the Green as seen from the hall. Not overwhelmingly popular.
- Building a new car park on the field side of the 'bottom' hedge on Estate land. A representative from the agents came to discuss the matter on site and whilst she couldn't foresee any problem it is something that she said could be 'progressed as part of achieving an appropriate level of development in the village'. Obviously that might be a long term project.
- Extend the existing car park under the chestnut tree as far as in line with the back of the hall. In the short term this was the preferred choice which will be conveyed to the VHC for an estimate of costs to be obtained.

**Grass cutting.** The VHC would like the cuttings removed as they are becoming a nuisance for hirers of the hall. Kevin Grant has been asked for a quote but as yet no reply has been received.

The mower used to cut the playground has 'died'. Mark Walker said he will collect it and see if it can be repaired, meanwhile the clerk will ask Kevin Grant for a quote to cut the area.

**Highways.** OCC have filled in the marked potholes but the problem on the Barnard Gate road where the road has been slowly slipping into the brook for many years has not been addressed satisfactorily. OCC to be contacted.

### **PLANNING**

There were no objections to the revised planning application for an extension at Gunn Cottage.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Thames Valley Air Ambulance service is looking for sites to install a clothing bank in the village and wonder about the hall car park. Unfortunately we need every parking space available so must decline the idea.

The government is redeeming 2 ½% Consolidated stock on July 5th so on that date our bank account should be duly credited with £99.75

AOB

The dry stone wall beside the football pitch in Station Road has been completed thanks to Tim & Eve Lawson and Chris and Alison Bromley who have paid to have the work finished. We will send them letters of thanks.

The clerk was asked to contact the District Council with a request that the driver of their recycling lorry takes more care as the lorry damaged the entrance to the village hall some time ago and more recently has damaged the edge of the Village Green and other roadside verges.