

# MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON JULY 7th, 2015

Present were Nicky Brooks, Mark Walker and Alan Wilson and 12 members of the public.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

There then followed a presentation by Dave Hunt and Craig Dore concerning their plans for the MAFF building. They see it as having potential to become a community hub for social and recreational activities, to include:

- Two 3G five a side football pitches
- A 'futsal' court which converts into three indoor cricket lanes
- A viewing area
- A studio / meeting / classroom
- Multi-sports arena for archery, short mat bowls, dodge ball etc.
- Changing rooms, toilets and showers
- Fully equipped kitchen, café, TV.
- Ample car parking
- The roof is not sufficiently high for badminton.

They see the advantages as being:

- All available for use by local schools & colleges.
- Apprenticeship opportunities to gain qualifications.
- Retired people able to increase activities.
- Village able to host cricket / football matches.
- Employment opportunities.

The intention of Messrs. Hunt and Dore is to run the enterprise as a Community Project or as a Charity.

We have concerns about:

- Extra traffic that would be generated including the possibility of school minibuses if classes of children come to use the facilities.
- Car parking not being adequate
- Lighting, from the building as seen from Station Road and street lights in the parking area.

## MATTERS ARISING

**Mason Arms.** The meeting then discussed the planning application for what used to be the 'Lobster Bar' at the Mason Arms to be registered as a separate property. Interestingly, we have not been told of the application nor does it appear on the council's website - we are only aware of it because a yellow notice was mistakenly attached to a post next to the pub.

There are various "inaccuracies" in the application which will be responded to by the chairman on behalf of the PC. Another resident will also contact the DC. The PC view remains that the entire property should remain as one, for future use as a public house.

**Village Hall** - roof repairs. Two estimates have been received for £174.80 and £460.

Unanimous decision to accept the lower but it does raise the question of how the cost of future repair / maintenance work should be shared with the VHC. A meeting will be arranged with the chairman of both committees and the clerk to discuss.

**Car parking at the village hall.** Rough sketch received from a member of the VHC showing that six cars could be parked in the area beside the small hall. The cost of £1000+ involved of laying some form of reinforcing under the surface cannot be justified for only six cars, so for the

moment the existing arrangement will continue of seeking agreement from Eileen Mawle every time her field or hard standing is needed.

Grass cutting. The play area mower is still causing problems; a second hand one is being sought.

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A cheque was drawn for £189.00 to pay for the summer edition of the newsletter.