

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON AUGUST 18th, 2015

Present were Mark Walker, Eileen Mawle, Alan Wilson, David Taylor, Peter Emery (WODC) Charles Mathew (OCC) & Dick Pears.

There were no Declarations of Interest and the minutes for the July meeting were signed as being a true record of proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING

Mason Arms - Mr. Pears came to explain how angry he is as a result of the “inaccuracies” in the recent application to WODC for a Certificate confirming usage of the cottage at the rear of the main building. The application was withdrawn by Mr. Rodger but Mr. Pears will still write to the planners explaining why he is so annoyed. This he is doing in his private capacity but wanted the PC to be aware of his actions. He would also like to arrange a meeting in October between Mr. Rodger, a representative from WODC planners, the Parish Council and villagers. Mr. Emery has spoken to the WODC Conservation Officer who inspected the Mason Arms externally and was of the opinion that nothing was damaged or much worse than when he inspected it last year. We suggest he should carry out an internal inspection.

MAFF building – no further development.

Village Hall

- **Car parking** - The Hall Committee has dropped the idea of extending the car park into the area beside the small hall following Eileen Mawle saying she will allow parking at the top of her field or on hardstanding beside her barn on the relatively few occasions it is needed subject to permission being sought on each occasion.
- **Storage** - The VHC wish to erect a shed / summerhouse beside the thatched structure for storing items presently stored in EM's barn. They are thinking of a summerhouse as this would look more pleasing than a shed but Mark Walker said he may have access to a free shed.
- **Gas meter** - cover in the car park which now sits proud of the gravel and is being hit by cars. It seems it is not the correct fitting for the meter below. Alan Wilson will see if he can obtain the correct one.
- **Curtains** – these are now on order but delivery and erection will be delayed until October as there is a shortage of material.
- Split payment responsibilities – no real objections to the notes provided by the chairman of VHC (kept with the minutes) hopefully there will always be co-operation between both committees with “give and take” if necessary. One of the PC's responsibilities is shown as being the boundary hedge which is in need of cutting. We will seek estimates and enquire from the Wychwood Project if they would be interested in such a task for training purposes. It was thought that in future this responsibility may be transferred to the VHC.
- **The Hall** is still in need of an increased parking area and to this end we will enquire of the Estate if they have had any further thoughts. It was suggested the VHC should start a car park fund.

Audit - this has now been successfully completed and the Annual Return was duly approved and accepted by the council.

OCC Waste Recycling - OCC have sent a consultation document about reducing the number of waste tips in the county and one which may close is Dix's Pit. We consider this recycling centre is far too important and well used to close and will respond thus.

A40 consultation - Charles Mathew then updated us on OCC latest thinking about the future of the A40 which is subject to consultation at present.