

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON OCTOBER 6th, 2015

Present were Nicky Brooks, Mark Walker, David Taylor and Martin Wilson. Also present were three members of the public and (later) Charles Mathew. Apologies were received from Alan Wilson and Peter Emery.

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

The meeting started with two members of the public discussing the poor mobile reception in the village although High Cogges seems to be satisfactory. We understand there is, or has been, a problem with the mast on Oxford Hill (referred to as Cogges) but nevertheless direct debit payments have continued to be deducted for a non-existent service. The members of the public present have made several complaints but without receiving a satisfactory response so ask if we could take up their case. We will start by contacting the CEO and depending on the outcome may carry out a survey of mobile phone users in the next newsletter.

MATTERS ARISING

Mason Arms - The pub building and some of the grounds, including part of the helicopter landing pad have been sold to Sampson Leisure Ltd. There is to be a public meeting on October 23rd to which Mr. Rodger and the directors of Sampson Leisure have been invited to attend to explain their plans. The local press are now involved and articles have appeared in the Witney Gazette and the Oxford Times. A meeting on Friday with members of the District Council legal team and Nicky Brooks and Dick Pears will hopefully establish if the owners are acting legally.

Village Hall

- The curtains should be in evidence with the next month.
- We will approach West Oxon College to see if they are interested in laying the boundary hedge.
- Savills response to our enquiry about a possible extension to the hall car park will be left on file to await any future development.

West Oxon Draft Design Plan. This deals with the future development of villages and although a copy has not officially been received, we understand that it categorises villages into 'compact' or 'spread out' with different criteria for the development of each. Nicky Brooks has a copy and will respond.

Cheques were drawn for £108 (newsletter) and £81.60 (play area inspection).