

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON JANUARY 5th, 2016

Present were Nicky Brooks, Mark Walker, Eileen Mawle, Alan Wilson, Martin Wilson, David Taylor and Edward James (WODC). Apologies were received from Peter Emery.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Mason Arms. The front section is now owned by Mr. Payne and on the market for £650,000, the back section is owned by Mr. Rodger's son. The Asset of Community Value record has been cancelled by WODC because the front part has been sold and the remainder cannot be classed as having community value. We have submitted another ACV application to WODC but, as before, on the whole property. As it is a breach of planning laws to have the back section used for accommodation we anticipate receiving an application for change of use in the near future.

If no sale is forthcoming on the front part Mr. Payne has said he will apply for change of use and if necessary go to appeal. He has been told that the village wishes to have a pub for community use.

Traffic survey. The most recent figures from OCC show a larger than expected increase in traffic through the village. NB will contact OCC.

Mobile phones survey. Mike Jones has completed his survey and sent us his report. He received 40 responses; regardless of provider 83% said the reception inside their property was either poor or non-existent, the majority being the latter. 83% also said reception outside the property was also poor or non-existent. Four properties have some sort of booster but even one of those was said to be unsatisfactory. It was also felt that the telephone companies treat all customers with contempt. We will write to the CEO again with these figures and comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

We have received the annual request from the PCC for a donation towards the cost of cutting the churchyard, but we need to see a copy of their invoice (which they haven't received yet) before considering the matter.

AOB

EM said we need a road sweeper to clear the road edges, certain pavements need spraying with weed killer and repairing and to stop verge erosion, posts should be inserted around the first sharp bend on the road to Stanton Harcourt by the bungalows. MW added the potholes near High Cogges Farm need attending to.