

# MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MAY 10th, 2016

Present were Nicky Brooks, Mark Walker, Eileen Mawle, Alan Wilson, Martin Wilson, David Taylor, (resigned) Simon Stace and Charles Mathew (OCC).

Apologies were received from Peter Emery (WODC).

The meeting commenced with a short presentation from a member of BT about increasing the broadband speed in the village. The fibre technology is improving all the time and has apparently reached the cabinet at Shores Green. We will need a mini exchange to boost the speed in the village but we are outside the area that the OCC is funding. Villagers can however get 'BT Total Faster Broadband' if they contact BT Customer Services. Its an extra £5 per month. However we are covered by Cotswold Broadband scheme which is being funded by WODC. We have received a letter today which confirms we are in their area and that broadband should be installed in these areas within the next 12 months. People are encouraged to register to show their interest. Our main contact will be Stacey King at [stacey.king@bt.com](mailto:stacey.king@bt.com). Charles Matthews volunteered to contact OCC about why we're not in their scheme and how the two differ. We are going to have a meeting with a representative of EE shortly to see what can be done to improve the mobile signal.

There were no declarations of interest.

The minutes for the March meeting were signed as being a true report on proceedings.

## MATTERS ARISING

**Mason Arms** - The planning application to convert some of the buildings at the rear into a one-bedroom cottage was rejected by WODC in spite of their officers recommending acceptance.

We are aware that offers of £600K and £900K for the entire area have been rejected. The owners have six months in which to decide if they wish to appeal and WODC will have to decide on whether enforcement action is needed in July.

It is anticipated that we will shortly receive an application for new letting bedrooms.

A Compulsory Purchase Order is a possibility, (this is a new law) as a last resort but this would be very drawn out and expensive which would involve obtaining an independent valuation. Enforcement would be the preferred route.

If the owners go to appeal we will probably need the services of a barrister who will probably cost us in the region of £5000.

**Church End** - the flooding that recently occurred on the unadopted road near Church Farm has been jettied and the blockage cleared.

**Accounts** - Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year to 31st March 2016 was presented to council and approved. Section 2 was then also approved by the meeting.

The Village Hall Committee has agreed to pay 50% of their retained profit every year to the PC. This year it amounts to £2200 and we propose to put this towards reducing the amount of the outstanding WODC loan, which currently stands at £26,744 down from £35,000.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Broadband** - Letter from Cotswold Broadband suggesting everyone interested in faster broadband should register with them.

**Bus service** - Letter from the chairman of 'The Villager' (Thursday bus service) stating that as OCC will be shortly withdrawing bus subsidies we will need to grant them £150 per year to maintain the service. The decision was to decline as very few people ever use the bus.

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**Conservation Area** - It has been suggested to the PC that we should apply to make the village a conservation area. This was considered a good idea and proceedings will be started.