

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON AUGUST 2nd, 2016

Present were Nicky Brooks, Mark Walker, Eileen Mawle, Alan Wilson, Martin Wilson, Simon Stace, and Peter Emery and Ed James, WODC councillors.

There were no declarations of interest.

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

This was followed by a presentation from Graham Soame about the possibility of parts of South Leigh & High Cogges becoming a Conservation Area. Graham left us with draft copies for discussion amongst ourselves of what could eventually be our application to the District Council. It was generally agreed this was a good idea but it was felt we needed time to read and think about it. To be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Mason Arms. Since the last meeting we have learnt that a sale for the whole plot has been agreed but as far as we know nothing has been signed yet. Enforcement action by WODC has been put on hold pending the sale, but if the latter does not occur it will be revisited.

Conservation Area. Discussed again and a unanimous decision taken to proceed with a public consultation to gauge the response of villagers. This will be advertised in the September Newsletter.

Queen's 90th Birthday celebration coins. We have twelve coins left but requests today from councillors will leave only two.

A new Loan Repayment chart has been received from WODC following our extra payment of £2200 which has resulted in a one year reduction in the term.

PLANNING APPLICATION

Plans to convert a redundant barn to a dwelling at Hill Farm. No objections but it was felt a shame that another old barn would be disappearing.

AOB

The long grass on roadside verges together with the ragwort is considered dangerous, especially on the single track roads. OCC highways to be contacted.

OCC highways to be asked why they took core samples from the crumbling main road into Witney a few years ago as nothing has been repaired since, apart from the odd pothole.

Complaints have been received about bonfires being held on a regular basis in Chapel Road. MW said he would visit the house owner and see why they cannot use the waste bins.