

## **MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON APRIL 11th, 2017**

Present were Nicky Brooks, Mark Walker, Eileen Mawle, Alan Wilson, Martin Wilson & Simon Stace and Charles Mathew (OCC). Ken Brooks and Terry Ellis attended as members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

**Declaration of Interest:** Mark Walker and Alan Wilson as landowners within the parish declared an interest in the Gladman Barnard Gate Garden Village Development Vision. Eileen Mawle also declared an interest as she owns land within the parish and in Witney.

The minutes for the 17th January meeting were signed as being a true record of proceedings.

The minutes for the March 2nd meeting require a small amendment.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Neighbourhood Plan.** A request has been sent to WODC for an Application to Designate our Parish for a Neighbourhood Plan and has been accepted by WODC.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the PC and the Steering Group has been drawn up and will have to be signed and lodged with WODC for their approval. Nicky will circulate copies for Parish Councillors to agree.

KB said TE has been invaluable in taking on the necessary research and background analysis for the outline and early submissions for the neighbourhood plan, whilst Nicky has produced the survey that has been distributed to every house in the parish. To date, 69 replies have been received; the end of April will be advertised as being the closing date and a date will be arranged for anyone with queries to discuss these in the VH. Once the survey period is over the replies will be collated and the detail in the Neighbourhood Plan completed. There will be many other consultations with the public over the next 12 months.

Several villagers have volunteered to contribute articles re. wildlife, history, the church - both historically and socially, the environment and ecological.

An application has been lodged for grant money towards the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan which must be applied for by December and spent by March 2018. Maximum is £9,000, with extra available if our plan involves more new housing than WODC's Local Plan. We will probably have to pay to commission a Landscape Survey.

**MAFF Building.** In our efforts to discover the regulations governing the storage of cartridges we have been passed from the Fire & Rescue Service to Trading Standards and now to the Police. We will persevere. Mr. Bull has planted a hedge on the football pitch side of the fence, i.e. not on his land. MW will inform the Estate.

**Mason Arms.** New owner says there is no licence to open on a Sunday which he will rectify with a request for 10:00pm closing, together with midnight closing for the rest of the week.

The date for the AGM to be arranged.