

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON JULY 11th, 2017

Present were Nicky Brooks, Mark Walker, Eileen Mawle, Alan Wilson, Martin Wilson and Simon Stace together with Charles Mathew & Ken Brooks.

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

The minutes for the May 15th meeting were signed as true record of proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING

Neighbourhood Plan. 2nd draft has been sent to WODC & Jayne Norris for help with input. Target for 3rd draft is early August after reports from consultants have been received. The cost of various consultants so far has been met by grants from government. The final draft will have to be approved by PC before being submitted to WODC for their approval.

WODC Local Plan. Nicky is attending the hearings daily. Approval by the Govt. Inspector of the Local Plan will improve our chances against developers especially if we have an agreed Neighbourhood Plan. No agreement or refusal of LP will mean 'a free for all' for developers. Nicky has the opportunity to speak at the LP hearing next week and requested the following motion be put to the PC: "That South Leigh Parish Council broadly supports the draft WODC Local Plan which states that no development should be allowed within this parish". Four councillors voted in favour, the remaining two abstained.

Gladman telephoned to book the Village Hall for a closed meeting with the PC on 18th July and a meeting with the public on 4th August. Nothing has been received by PC. Reply will state that we are very unhappy with the idea of a closed meeting especially as there is no agenda or documents to read. Not prepared to meet them next week. It will be impossible to get all councillors together during August so suggest meetings are postponed until September.

Just Cartridges. Concern has been expressed about asbestos in the roof but this apparently is not a problem. WODC to be asked again about planning requirements as we understand there is a retail outlet operating without permission.

Football pitch. The lease will expire next year. This may be a good time to amend a new lease to include more general use and not be restricted to the football club. It was also felt there might be a benefit in having the lease in the name of the Parish Council.

AOB

The clerk will contact OCC highways about a subsiding stretch of road at High Cogges and the annual problem of ragwort on verges.

Query to be raised with BT: Fibre Optics have reached their box at Shores Green. We would like to know if the present system under the A40 to the village is by a buried cable or trunk as it would be relatively simple the pull fibre optics through a trunk.