

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON SEPTEMBER 25th, 2017

Present were Nicky Brooks, Mark Walker, Eileen Mawle, Alan Wilson, Martin Wilson & Simon Stace plus 30+ members of the public including Charles Mathew (OCC) & Ken Brooks. Apologies were received from Peter Emery.

Declaration of Interest: Mark Walker, Alan Wilson and Eileen Mawle declared an interest as landowners within the parish.

The minutes for the July 11th meeting were signed as true record of proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING

Presentation by Justin & Charlie Salisbury re. future plans for the Mason Arms – several questions were asked and satisfactorily responded to. The only concern remaining is whether there will be sufficient off-road car parking. The planned development is necessary to make the establishment a viable business. There were in excess of 30 members of the public present who, at the end, gave Charlie & Justin a round of applause, something that has never happened at a PC meeting in living memory. This demonstrates the desire of the vast majority of villagers to see the Mason Arms being managed successfully.

Presentation by Lucy Kennery on progress made and plans for the future of the Lower Windrush project, part of which including Rushey Common is within our parish.

Neighbourhood Plan. Ken Brooks reported that WODC have seen a 1st draft but have insisted the format must be changed to one approved by them. Plan was therefore re-written. We have not yet received the Hedgerow Report or the Housing Report.

Villagers will shortly be asked to complete another housing survey as more evidence of need in the parish is required.

There is a long complex timetable ahead, but once the draft plan is complete there will be a consultation with residents one evening and all day on a Saturday, followed eventually after approval from WODC by a local referendum.

Charles Mathew said there is reason to believe that Government figures are wrong and not so many new houses will be required as originally stated. James Mills, leader of WODC is on record as having said that the housing figures shown in the WODC Emerging Local Plan will remain in place. He considers that the top priority is to get the Emerging Local Plan approved and adopted. It was noted that the Parish Council supported this action.

The inspector's decision on the Emerging Local Plan now looks as though it will not be available until next Spring.

Just Cartridges. WODC Enforcement Team will investigate whether a breach of planning control has taken place. (No permission to use the premises for retail purposes).

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

Annual Audit. Annual Return and auditor's certificate was approved and accepted by Council. Cheque for £240 drawn in favour of BDO.

Cheques were also made out for £310.50 for two editions of the newsletter; £1376.08 for next instalment of loan repayment (£23428 o/s) and £868.18 for insurance.

PC meetings will remain on Tuesdays. If the main hall is being used by a Pilates class we will use the small hall unless many of the public are expected in which case a different day will be chosen.