

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON FEBRUARY 7th, 2018

Present were councillors Nicky Brooks, Mark Walker, Eileen Mawle, Alan Wilson, Martin Wilson & Simon Stace plus Ken Brooks (Chair NP) and Charles Mathew OCC.

Declarations of Interest were made by Mark Walker, Eileen Mawle and Alan Wilson as landowners in the parish.

The minutes for the December meeting were signed as being a true report of proceedings.

A letter has been received from Tim Lawson, owner of the village website, complaining about comments made in the minutes for the 14th November 2017 meeting under the heading 'Lymbrook Close'. Research has shown our comments were the result of a misunderstanding and that the incorrectly understood information formed the basis of our discussion. The result of this was that we thought the relevant posts were on the South Leigh website whereas they were on the South Leigh Facebook forum. We therefore formed an opinion based on incorrect facts and will contact Tim to apologise for the confusion and hopefully demonstrate that our comments were the result of a genuine misunderstanding.

MATTERS ARISING

Local Plan. We understand the inspector has approved the section dealing with our area and the hope is the whole plan will be adopted by May. We also understand there is now a reduced requirement for housing in West Oxfordshire.

The Neighbourhood Plan is presently with WODC seeking their approval. A unanimous vote was made at the public meeting last week to change the Neighbourhood Plan so that it states there should be no building in South Leigh Parish apart from on brownfield sites. When WODC approval has been received and the PC has adopted it there will be a 6 week public consultation period.

WODC have received the planning application from Gladman. The size of their plan will mean it goes to full council for a decision.

The 5 year requirement for building land has now been reduced to 3 years.

Lymbrook Close. The WODC enforcement officer sent a photo of the new car park asking for confirmation this was the correct site.

PLANNING APPLICATION

Mason Arms. The most recent planning application at the Mason Arms involving a new car park at the front, has been withdrawn. Charles Mathew to be thanked for his input with this application. A new illuminated advertising sign has appeared beside the road at the pub for which no permission has been sought. The lights on it shine into the eyes of drivers. WODC planning dept. will be consulted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received about the lack of drainage under Chapel Road; another concerns blocked ditches in the level crossing area and finally two trenches have been dug from road to brook opposite the Mason Arms. CM said he will circulate details of funds he will receive from OCC for village projects such as these and suggests that we apply.

AOB

It was decided to purchase a flood warning sign to replace one that disappeared.

Kevin Grant has sent his quote for grass cutting which is the same as last year: £80 per cut for Village Green and hall garden. Accepted.

The condition of the bus shelter on the road going into Witney was raised as some of the side panels have dropped off and it may be in danger of sliding down the bank. To be investigated.

Tim Lawson wrote to say that now would be a good time for Eynsham Estate to fulfil the planning condition concerning the planting of trees to the left of the access road to Just Cartridges, but the same day Charles Bull of JC said Eynsham Estate had said work will start within two weeks. A hedge will also be planted on the recreational field side of the new fence.